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KENYA

DEFENSE MINISTRY ISSUES STATEMENT ON AIR FORCE CRASHES

Nairobi Domestic Service in English 1800 GMT 19 Jun 75 LD/EA

[Text] The Ministry of Defense in Nairobi has issued a statement clarifying reports which appeared in a local newspaper today, which gave an impression that there might have been two aircraft crashes involving Kenya Air Force planes.

A spokesman for the Defense Ministry pointed out that the second aircraft, a Caribou, did not make an emergency landing as reported by the newspaper. He said the Caribou, which was sent from Nairobi to investigate the incident, had to land at Kisumu airport at night, using the lights of a vehicle on the ground as a means of lighting up the runway. This, he said, is a well-known procedure which was carried out with the assistance of the police at the request of the pilot.

The spokesman pointed out that, while reporting a previous Kenya Air Force crash during Madaraka [self-government] Day, the same newspaper had made a similar error reporting that another air force plane had made an emergency landing at Embakasi. He said the Kenya Air Force plane in question made a normal landing, so that the crew could go and find out what had happened to the aircraft which had crashed.

ASSISTANT MINISTER URGES MEETING OF LEADERS

Kampala Domestic Service in English 1900 GMT 18 Jun 75 LD/EA

[Text] A Kenyan assistant minister has urged the three East African heads of state to meet as soon as possible, to iron out territorial differences threatening the region's unity.

Citing what he called a "cat and mouse friendship" between Kenya, Uganda and Tanzania, the assistant minister for natural resources, Mr Maisori Itumbo, said the three heads of state should meet and hammer out [words indistinct]. There is no point in having friendship, when citizens of (?the respective) countries have been subjected to (?inhumanities) by (?neighbors). The three heads of state, who together make up the East African Community Authority, have not met since 1971.

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DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE FROM NORWAY--The Kenya Government has received grants totaling over 108 million shillings from Norway to boost economic development in the rural areas during the period 1975-76. This was revealed in Nairobi today during the signing of an agreement between the Government of Kenya and the Kingdom of Norway, during which old agreements on economic cooperation between the two countries were renewed. Today's agreement sets the terms and conditions under which Norway will give Kenya development assistance. By the end of last year Norway had contributed more than 220 million shillings to the development of Kenya, mainly in the area of rural development. [Text] [Nairobi Domestic Service in English 1300 GMT 17 Jun 75 LD/EA]

SOMALI REPUBLIC

USSR TO GIVE AID IN RESETTLEMENT, FISHING INDUSTRY

Mogadiscio Domestic Service in Somali 1430 GMT 19 Jun 75 LD/EA

[Text] Somalia and the Soviet Union yesterday evening signed an economic cooperation agreement under which the former will obtain an assistance fund of 375 million shillings for development projects in the country.

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ETHIOPIA

PAPER SAYS S. AFRICAN RACIST RULE DOOMED

Peking NINA in English 1540 GMT 13 Jun 75 OW

[Text] Addis Ababa, June 13, 1975 (HSINHUA)--The ETHIOPIAN HERALD in an editorial today points out that there is little room for fruitful discussion on the question of Namibia and the Namibian people therefore have no choice but to carry out and intensify their armed struggle.

The editorial condemns the United States, Britain and France for vetoing the draft resolution on the Namibia question sponsored by Cameroon and four other states in the Security Council last Friday. It declares that it is high time for Vorster and his clique to hand over power to the Namibian people.

Referring to the racist rule, it points out that the hideous oppressive measures against the people in Southern Africa and the vetoes in the Security Council cannot prevent its end in the near future.

ELF SPOKESMAN HOLDS PRESS CONFERENCE IN KUWAIT

Kuwait Domestic Service in English 1730 GMT 18 Jun 75 LD

[Text] The official spokesman of the Eritrean Liberation Front, Popular Liberation Forces, Osman Saleh Sabbe, held a press conference at the front's headquarters in Kuwait this evening in which he spoke about the circumstances confronting the Liberation Front at the present time. Mr Osman made a press statement in which he condemned the policy of annihilation pursued by the Ethiopian authorities against the Eritrean people and revolution. He added that this policy was similar to that adopted by the Israeli authorities in occupied Palestine. Mr Osman went on to say that this policy has so far failed to achieve its target as the 3 million people in Eritrea had not left their homeland with the exception of 110,000 people presently living in the Sudan. The official spokesman of the Eritrean Liberation Front at the same time extended thanks to the Arab states for their support to Eritrea. He also thanked the government and people of Kuwait for their support extended to the Eritrean revolution.

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YUGOSLAV DELEGATION--Addis Ababa, June 14 (TANJUG)--The president of the Provisional Military Council of Ethiopia, General Tefari Banti, has received member of the Federal Executive Council Vajo Skendzic, who heads the Yugoslav delegation to the session of the Yugoslav Ethiopian mixed committee for economic and technological cooperation. Present at the reception were also the other members of the Yugoslav delegation, as well as the Yugoslav ambassador in Addis Ababa, Aleksandar Vojinovic. At the friendly talk of some length held on that occasion views were exchanged on the development of bilateral relations and on international matters. Expressing gratitude to President Tito and to the peoples and Government of Yugoslavia for support given to the present progressive changes in his country, President Tefari Banti said that support is another confirmation of sincere [words indistinct]. [Text] [Belgrade TANJUG in English 1630 GMT 14 Jun 75 LD)

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C O N F I D E N T I A L MOGADISCIO 0886

E.O. 11652: GDS

AGS: PFOR, EAID, SO. UR

SUBJECT: SOVIET-SOMALI RELATIONS: BACK TO NORMALCY

REF: MOGADISCIO 867

1. WITH ARAB LEAGUE SUMMIT NOW POSTPONED AND WITH NO RPT NO IMMEDIATE REASON TO SOFT PEDAL HIS SOVIET CONNECTION, SIAD HAS BEGUN CAMPAIGN LAVISHLY PRAISING SOVIET CONTRIBUTION TO SOMALIA AND HISTORIC TIES WHICH BIND USSR AND SOMALI TOGETHER. SIAD'S NOISY PRAISE OF USSR HAS BEEN ECHOED IN SOMALI MEDIA AS WELL. IMMEDIATE CAUSE OF SIAD'S PUBLIC GRATITUDE WAS ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEW US \$60 MILLION SOMALI SOVIET ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE PACKAGE (MOGADISCIO 867) WHICH AS ENABLED SIAD TO HIT BACK AT QUIET CRITICISM OF SOVIET STRINGINESS DURING RECENT DROUGHT EMERGENCY.

2. SIAD BEGAN HIS CAMPAIGN IN SPEECH TO SOMALI OFFICIALS, CIVIL SERVANTS AND YOUTH CADRES EVENING OF JUNE 18. HE DISGREESSED FROM HIS PRINCIPAL TOPIC FOR EVENING AND PRAISED RECENT SOVIET AID PACKAGE -- TRUCKS, AIRPLANES, ETC. -- BUT ALSO PAUSED TO PUT SOMALI DEBT TO USSR IN LARGER TERMS AS WELL.

3. HE TOLD HIS AUDIENCE THAT SOMALI PEOPLE SHOULD REMEMBER THAT SOVIET UNION QTE PULLED SOMALIA FROM THE SEA UNQTE AT A TIME WHEN ITS NATIONAL EXISTENCE WAS IN DANGER. SOMALIA WOULD NEVER FORGET THAT HELP. SOMALIA WAS GRATEFUL TO OTHERS WHO HAD ALSO AIDED IN RECENT CRISIS BUT SOMALI-SOVIET BOND WAS OF SPECIAL NATURE, OF A KIND WHICH COULD ONLY BE FELT BY NATION WHICH OWED ITS LIFE TO ANOTHER.

4. HE REBUKED THOSE WHO CRITICIZED USSR FOR FAILURE TO GIVE MORE GENEROUSLY TO SOMALI DROUGHT RELIEF. HE URGED PEOPLE TO GIVE THANKS TO USSR AND TO IGNORE THOSE IDLERS WHO SAT IN TEA

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SHOPS AND CARPED ABOUT SOVIET AID.

5. SIAD CONTINUED IN SAME VEIN EVEN MORE EMPHATICALLY DURING JUNE 19 SPEECH MARKING FIRST SOVIET AIRLIFT OF SOMALI NOMADS FROM REFUGEE CAMPS TO RESETTLEMENT SITES. SIAD SAID SOVIET DROUGHT ASSISTANCE PROVED EXTENT OF SOVIET/SOMALI FRIENDSHIP, ENABLED SOMALIA TO DISTINGUISH FRIENDS FROM ENEMIES, AND OPENED NEW PAGE IN SOVIET/SOMALI RELATIONS. HIS REMARKS WERE HEADLINED IN OKTOBER STAR, JUNE 21.

6. SIAD'S REMARKS OF JUNE 18 AND 19 MARK FIRST TIME HE HAS DEALT OPENLY WITH PUBLIC DISSATISFACTION OF LEVEL OF SOVIET RELIEF IN AIDING SOMALIA DURING CURRENT DROUGHT. (DURING PAST SEVERAL MONTHS, HE HAS ALSO TENDED DOWNPLAY IN ANY CASE SOVIET ROLE IN SOMALIA AS HE GEARED UP FOR ARAB SUMMIT CONFERENCE IN MOGADISCIO.) NEWLY ANNOUNCED SOVIET/SOMALI ECONOMIC PACKAGE IS FIRST TIME HOWEVER THAT SOVIETS HAVE GIVEN SIAD STICK BIG ENOUGH TO IMPRESS THOSE WHO HAVE COMPLAINED THE USSR DROUGHT RELIEF WAS NIGGARDLY COMPARED WITH THAT OF OTHER DONORS -- PARTICULARLY FROM WESTERN COUNTRIES. WE SUSPECT IT IS STICK SIAD HAS LONG BEEN LOOKING FOR.

7. DURING PAST SIX MONTHS, SOVIET COMMODITY RELIEF -- PRINCIPALLY CORN -- HAS BEEN OF POOR QUALITY, HAS COME LATE AND IN MODEST AMOUNTS. IT WAS NOT RPT NOT UNTIL MAY THAT USSR ANNOUNCED PLEDGE OF ADDITIONAL 10,000 MT OF CORN (PURCHASED IN THAILAND) WHICH PUSHED ITS FOOD GRAIN HELP TO 20,000 MT, WHICH IS ONLY 5,000 MT ABOVE THAT PLEDGED BY US. MOREOVER, ADC OFFICIALS HAVE COMPLAINED THAT SOVIET FURNISHED-CORN HAS BEEN TOTALLY UNSATISFACTORY FOR SOMALI CONSUMERS.

8. WHILE \$60 MILLIN IN ECONOMIC AID MAY LOOK LIKE A MAJOR RESPONSE TO SOMALI ECONOMIC NEEDS, THE MAKE-UP OF NEW PACKAGE SUGGESTS THAT ITS DOLLAR VALUE IS PROBABLY GROSSLY OVERSTATED. MOREOVER, THE TWO AREAS OF ASSISTANCE TO WHICH THE NEW PACKAGE IS DIRECTED SERVE POLITICAL NO LESS THAN HUMANITARIAN ENDS.

A. NOMAD RESETTLEMENT: USSR IS GIVING TRUCKS AND LOANING SOMALIA 6 AN-12 TRANSPORTS TO AIRLIFT NOMADS FROM REFUGEE CAMPS TO RESETTLEMENT SITES (AGRICULTURE AND FISHING). THE ALTERNATIVE TO A SPEEDY RESETTLEMENT IS THE GRADUAL RETURN OF REFUGEES TO BUSH, WITH AN EQUIVALENT LOSS TO GSDR IN ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL CONTROL. RAPID RESETTLEMENT IS AS MUCH A POLITICAL AS AN ECONOMIC GOAL WHICH SOVIETS STRONGLY SUPPORT.

B. COASTAL FISHERIES: AID FOR OFF-SHORE FISHING IS ANOTHER

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EFFORT BY SOVIET UNION TO MONOPOLIZE THIS SECTOR OF SOMALI
DEVELOPMENT, WHICH HAS BOTH ECONOMIC AND MILITARY ADVANTAGES.
IT IS NOT RPT NOT AN AREA WHICH USSR WISHES TO SHARE WITH OTHER
DONORS.

9, WHILE NEW SOVIET AID PACKAGE GIVES SIAD THE HELP HE HAS
BEEN LOOKING FOR IN ANSWERING PUBLIC CRITICISM OF SOVIET AID,
IT WILL NOT RPT NOT SATISFY THOSE SOMALIS FOR WHOM CRITICISM
OF SOVIET RELIEF EFFORT HAS BEEN MOST CONVENIENT WAY OF SHOWING
DISPLEASURE AT SOVIET PRESENCE. HAMRICK

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SUBJECT: NEW SOVIET-SOMALI ECONOMIC AGREEMENT

1. SOVIET UNION AND SOMALIA SIGNED AGREEMENT IN MOGADISCIO

ON JUNE 18 FOR FURTHER DEVELOPING ECONOMIC AND TECHNICAL

COOPERATION. NEW AGREEMENT CALLS FOR TOTAL OF 375 MILLION

SO SHS (US \$60 MILLION) IN ADDITIONAL SOVIET ASSISTANCE.

2. ACCORDING TO DETAILS OF AGREEMENT PUBLICIZED IN SONNA

NEWS BULLETIN OF JUNE 19, USSR WILL GIVE ~~85,113,194~~

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THAT AGREEMENT WAS REACHED AS RESULT OF GENERAL SAMANTARI'S ASSISTANCE FOR REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT AND FISHING DEVELOPMENT.

RECENT VISIT TO MOSCOW.

3. REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT: USSR WILL PROVIDE GRANT ASSISTANCE

TO GSDR FOR RESETTLING SOMALI DROUGHT REFUGEES IN AGRICULTURAL

AREAS IN SOUTH AND IN FISHING SETTLEMENTS ALONG COAST.

ASSISTANCE IS IN FORM OF 130 RUSSIAN-BUILT TRUCKS FOR

FUTURE DELIVERY. RESETTLEMENT ALSO INCLUDES LOAN OF

SIX AN-12 TRANSPORT PLWRES TO MOVE REFUGEES FROM CAMPS

TO NEW SETTLEMENTS. FYI: WE UNDERSTAND AT LEAST ONE

AN-12 HAS ALREADY ARRIVED IN SOMALIA AND THAT TRANSFER

OF REFUGEES WILL BEGIN WITHIN NEXT SEVERAL DAYS.

4. FISHING DEVELOPMENT: A. USSR WILL GIVE GRANT AID

TO HELP GSDR ESTABLISH FISHING COOPERATIVES. ASSISTANCE

WILL BE IN FORM OF FISHING BOATS AND GEAR, SMALL AUXILIARY

BOATS, VEHICLES AND BUILDING TIMBER. B. SOVIET TECHNICAL

ASSISTANCE WILL ALSO BE PROVIDED TO ESTABLISH "FOUR TO FIVE"

FISHING BASES IN SOMALIA, TO INCLUDE CONSTRUCTION AND REPAIR

WORKSHOPS FOR FISHING VESSELS, AND TRAINING SCHOOL FOR

SUPERVISORY PERSONNEL.

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5. SOVIET/SOMALI AGREEMENT WABSSIGNED BY SOMALI SECSTATE
 FOR FISHERIES AND MARITIME OSMAN JAMA ALI AND SOVIET EMBASSY
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C O N F I D E N T I A L MOGADISCIO 1707

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SUBJECT: SOVIET TAKEOVER OF SOMALI FISHERIES DEVELOPMENT

REF: A. STATE 282748 B. MOGADISCIO 1524

1. AS INDICATED REF B., WE BELIEVE SOVIET MOVES DICTATED PRIMARILY BY MOSCOW'S DESIRE MONOPOLIZE ACCESS TO SEACOAST AND COASTAL WATERS AND, THUS, BE ABLE CARRY ON MILITARY ACTIVITIES IN RELATIVE SECRECY. ECONOMIC CONSIDERATIONS, IN OUR VIEW, PLAYED MUCH LESS SIGNIFICANT ROLE IN DECISION GRANT AID.

2. SOMALIA PROCLAIMED 200 MILE LIMIT IN 1974. OVERALL SOVIET/SOMALI RELATIONSHIP SUCH THAT MOSCOW NOT RPT NOT OBLIGED TO COUGH UP \$33 MILLION FOR FISHING RIGHTS. IT EXTREMELY UNLIKELY GSDR WOULD GRANT FISHING RIGHTS TO ANY OTHER NATION WITHOUT SOVIET APPROVAL. IT EQUALLY UNLIKELY THAT AGREEMENT WOULD INCLUDE ACCESS TO UN-SHORE FACILITIES OR AT LEAST TO FACILITIES IN AREAS SOVIETS DEEM SENSITIVE.

3. REF A SUGGESTS CONFUSION AMONG WASHINGTON AGENCIES CONCERNING VARIOUS ELEMENTS FISHERIES DEVELOPMENT SCHEME AND REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT PROGRAM AS A WHOLE. FIRST, SOVIET AID PROJECT IS JUST THAT: IT DOES NOT RPT NOT INVOLVE JOINT VENTURE, PRODUCTION SHARING, ETC. UNDER FISHERIES AGREEMENT SIGNED 1974, HOWEVER, JOINT DEEP-SEA FISHING VENTURE, USING 12 SOVIET-BUILT TRAWLERS, WAS ESTABLISHED. WE UNDERSTAND THIS AGREEMENT WILL RUN 10 YEARS BUT NO OTHER DETAILS AVAILABLE.

4. ALSO APPEARS TO BE MISUNDERSTAND KLUONCZZNING SIZE AND FUNDING FISHERIES PROGRAM. THERE IS NO RPT NO IBRD OR ARAB PARTICIPATION IN FISHERIES DEVELOPMENT (FUNDS FROM THOSE SOURCES MENTIONED REF A PARA 8, NOW TOTALLING US \$53 MILLION, ARE TO BE SPENT ON AGRICULTURE AND RANGELAND DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS). FUNDING FOR FISHERIES COMES SOLELY FROM USSR \$33 MILLION PACKAGE AND MODEST FAO PROGRAM/

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MENTIONED REF B. WE THINK EVEN \$33 MILLION IS UNUSUALLY LARGE COMMITMENT AND ONE WHICH BETRAYS MOSCOW'S GREATER INTEREST IN POLITICAL, MILITARY AND SECURITY ASPECTS OF SCHEME THAN IN ITS ECONOMIC AND DEVELOPMENT ASPECTS.

5. SOMALI PRESS HAS NOT, TO OUR KNOWLEDGE, MENTIONED SOVIET FISHERIES AID. THIS NOT PARTICULARLY UNUSUAL NOR HAS IT PREVENTED PLAN FROM BECOMING COMMON KNOWLEDGE AMONG SOMALIS MANY OF WHOM, IN ABSENCE PUBLICITY, ASSUME (IN OUR VIEW CORRECTLY) SCHEME HAS SINISTER IMPLICATIONS.

6. SOVIET AMBASSADOR SAMSONOV TOLD AMB. LOUGHRAN THAT \$33 MILLION INCLUDED \$14 MILLION GRANT MONIES WITH \$19 MILLION SOFT LOAN. PROGRAM WILL INVOLVE TRAINING AND EQUIPPING 2,200 FISHERMEN. 400 BOAT S

COSTING ABOUT \$4 MILLION, FISHING GEAR WORTH ABOUT \$800,000 AND ONSHORE PORT AND PROCESSING FACILITIES COSTING \$9 MILLION WILL BE REQUIRED. USSR WILL REPORTEDLY SEND 30 EXPERTS (11 HAVE ALREADY ARRIVED) TO TRAIN SOMALIS IN FISHING TECHNIQUES, EQUIPMENT OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE AND FORMATION OF FISHING COOPERATIVES. PROGRAM EXPECTED TO RUN TWO-THREE YEARS.

7. AS IS OBVIOUS FROM FOREGOING, SCALE OF FISHERIES PROGRAM DIMINISHED SINCE RFA'S TALK WITH COMPTEN IN JULY. WHEREAS ORIGINALLY 78,000 PERSONS INCLUDING APPROXIMATELY 15,000 ABLE-BODIED MALES WERE TO BE RESETTLED COASTAL AREAS, FIGURE AS OF EARLY NOVEMBER ONLY 15,200 WITH 2,200 POTENTIAL TRAINEES. DIFFERENCE ATTRIBUTABLE TO HIGHER-THAN-EXPECTED NUMBER OF PERSONS REVERTING TO NOMADISM AND EXPANSION BY 22,000 PERSONS OF AGRICULTURAL RESETTLEMENT SITES INTERRIVERINE AREA.

8. DEPT MAY WISH TO PASS TO NMFS OUR PREVIOUS REPORTS CONCERNING RESETTLEMENT/FISHERIES DEVELOPMENT. WE BELIEVE INFO THEREIN WOULD HAVE PREVENTED EVIDENT CONFUSION THIS SUBJECT. LOUGHRAN

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SUBJECT: SOMALI DROUGHT STATUS REPORT

REF: A) MOGADISCIO 0186 B) STATE 30442 C) BRUSSELS 1200

1. UNDP TELLS US THAT AS OF FEB. 10, SOMALI REFUGEES IN CAMPS TOTAL 172,601, INCLUDING 81,181 CHILDREN. THIS IS INCREASE OF APPROXIMATELY 5,000 SINCE FEB. 2 AND AMOUNTS TO AN INFLUX OF 600 A DAY.

2. ADDITIONAL SIGNIFICANT FOOD PLEDGES (PARA 4, REF A) INCLUDE

A) 4000 ADDITIONAL TONS OF WHEATFLOUR FROM SEDEN, BRINGING LATTER'S CONTRIBUTION TO 8,000 MT.

B) 3000 ADDITIONAL TONS OF MAIZE FROM USSR FOR TOTAL OF 8520.5 MT.

3. WE ARE REASONABLY CONFIDENT THAT REFUGEE FIGURES (I.E. CAMP POPULATION) ARE ACCURATE AND MORE RELIABLE THAN THOSE PROVIDED BY MEGAG SAMANTAR (REF B). WE AND UNDP CONTINUE TO BELIEVE TOTAL CAMP POPULATION WILL NOT RPT NOT BE OVER 300,000 BY END MAY, AND IT MAY BE CONSIDERABLY LESS. THERE ARE NUMBER OF SERIOUSLY AFFECTED INDIVIDUALS WHO NEED SOME HELP IN COUNTRYSIDE OUTSIDE OF CAMPS. SUBSTANTIAL NUMBERS HAVE COME TO CITIES TO LIVE WITH RELATIVES, THUS CREATING ECONOMIC HARDSHIP AND SWELLING URBAN FOOD NEEDS. HOWEVER, WE DO NOT RPT NOT BELIEVE TOTAL NEEDING HELP WILL BE OVER 300,000 BY END OF MAY. IF APRIL - MAY RAINS COME, ANY NET ADDITIONS TO THESE NUMBERS THEREAFTER SHOULD BE SMALL.

4. WE NOE UNDR0 EXPERT STANISIS PLANS RETURN SOMALIA EARLY APRIL. THIS WOULD PROVIDE GOOD OPPORTUNITY FOR NEW ASSESSMENT OF SITUATION. WE THINK OUR ESTIMATES ON NUMBER

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SERIOUSLY AFFECTED AND IN CAMPS SHOULD BE USED FOR PLANNING PURPOSES IN MEANTIME (THOUGH WE WILL OF COURSE KEEP SITUATION UNDER REVIEW). KIRK

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SUBJ: SALES OPPORTUNITY FOR FISHING BOATS IN SOMALIA

1. REGIONAL FISHERIES ATTACHE (RFA) MET FREEMAN COMPTON, PROJECT MANAGER (UNDP), FISHERY DEVELOPMENT PROJECT, P.O. BOX 24, MOGADISCIO, AT INDIAN OCEAN FISHERIES COMMISSION MEETING IN MOMBASA.

2. COMPTON INFORMED RFA SOMALIA PLANS RESETTLE 78,000 PEOPLE IN COASTAL AREAS; 15,600 ARE TO BE TRAINED IN FISHERIES IN 8 AREAS (3 IN NORTH AND 5 IN EAST)M

3. FIRST PHASE, UNDERWAY, INVOLVES 5,000 FISHERMEN. SOMALIA NOW ACTIVELY SEEKING PURCHASE OF 1,250 BOATS. SECOND PHASE WILL INVOLVE 10,600 FISHERMEN AND WILL RESULT IN PURCHASE OR CONSTRUCTION OF 2,500 BOATS OVER NEXT FIVE YEARS.

4. BOATS UNDER CONSIDERATION RANGE FROM 7 METER CANOE-TYPE FIBERGLASS VESSEL TO 9 METER INSHORE TUNA VESSEL. LARGER VESSELS ALSO UNDER CONSTRUCTION.

5. MASTER BOATBUILDER NIEL PARMENTIER FROM SEATTLE, IS NOW IN KENYA EXAMINING POSSIBLE PURCHASE 1,000 FIBERGLASS CANOES FROM KENYA, SWEDEN AND SRI LANKA REPORTEDLY NEGOTIATING TO BUILD FACTORIES IN SOMALIA TO PRODUCE VESSELS.

6. FUNDING REPORTEDLY INCLUDES US\$32 MILLION IN USSR AID, \$8 MILLION IN WORLD BANK FUNDS, AND \$24 MILLION IN ARAB FUND MONIES.

7. RFA DISCUSSED WITH COMPTON POSSIBILITY OF SALES OF US VESSELS. SALES PROSPECTS BELIEVED GOOD IF VESSEL CAN OPERATE IN SHALLOW COASTAL ZONE IN ROUGH SEAS. VESSEL MAINTENANCE AND OPERATION MUST BE EASY. OUTBOARD MOTORS NOT ACCEPTABLE. AS NOTED, FIBERGLASS CONSTRUCTION IS SOUGHT. 8 NMFS MAY WISH CONTACT BRUNO AND STILLMAN, OLD DOVER

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SUMMARY: ROMANIAN PRESIDENT CEASESCU VISITED PORTUGAL OCT 28-31,
RETURNING VISIT TO ROMANIA JUNE 13-15 BY PORTUGUESE PRESIDENT
COSTA GOMES. HIGHLIGHT OF VISIT WAS PROMISE BY ROMANIA TO EXTEND
A \$100 MILLION EXPORT CREDIT TO PORTUGAL FOR THE PURCHASE OF
ROMANIAN GOODS AND SERVICES. HOWEVER, UNLESS ROMANIA RAPIDLY
AUGMENTS SALES TO PORTUGAL--WHICH APPEARS UNLIKELY--GRANTING
OF THE CREDIT MAY BE LITTLE MORE THAN A FRIENDLY GESTURE. END
SUMMARY.

1. ACTIVITIES. ROMANIAN PRESIDENT NICOLAU CEASESCU DEPARTED
FOR BUCHAREST OCT 31 AT THE CONCLUSION OF HIS FOUR-DAY VISIT TO
PORTUGAL. IN ADDITION TO VISITS TO FACTORIES AND SHIPYARDS,
CEASESCU MET WITH GOVERNMENT, MILITARY, AND POLITICAL FIGURES.
HE HAD LONG CONVERSATIONS WITH PRESIDENT COSTA GOMES, PRIME
MINISTER PINHEIRO DE AZEVEDO, AND FOREIGN MINISTER MELO ANTUNES.
ON THE MILITARY SIDE, CEASESCU MET WITH THE CHIEFS OF STAFF OF
THE THREE BRANCHES OF THE ARMED FORCES, COPCON COMMANDER GEN

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OTELLO SARAIVA DE CARVALHO WHOM HE HAD ORIGINALLY REQUESTED AS ESCORT OFFICER, AND SEVERAL OTHER MEMBERS OF REVOLUTIONARY COUNCIL. HE ALSO MET SEPARATELY WITH THE LEADERS OF THE THREE PARTIES PARTICIPATING IN THE GOVERNMENT: COMMUNIST ALVARO CUNHAL; SOCIALIST MARIO SOARES; AND POPULAR DEMOCRAT SA CARNEIRO. FOR DETAILS OF CEAUSESCU CONVERSATIONS, SEE REFTELS.

2. CEAUSESCU THEMES: CEAUSESCU'S SPEECHES AND TOASTS WERE ON THE WHOLE LOW KEY; EXPRESSING PLEASURE OVER THE IDEALS OF THE PORTUGUESE REVOLUTION; ADVERTISING ROMANIAN PROGRESS; AND EMPHASIZING SIMILARITIES BETWEEN THE TWO NATIONS, HE

LEFT THE UNMISTAKABLE IMPRESSION OF ROMANIAN SUPPORT FOR THE AZEVEDO GOVERNMENT AND GAVE THE PORTUGUESE MILITARY OFFICERS SEEKING TO REESTABLISH DISCIPLINE A LIFT BY STATING, ON AT LEAST TWO OCCASIONS, "THE DIFFICULTY OF IMAGINING A REVOLUTIONARY MOVEMENT WITHOUT FIRM DISCIPLINE." ANOTHER RE-CURRING THEME IN CEAUSESCU'S REMARKS WAS THE NEED FOR UNITY "AMONG COMMUNISTS, SOCIALISTS, AND OTHER POLITICAL PARTIES" TO ENSURE THE PROGRESS OF THE NATION.

3. BILATERAL ACCORDS: DURING VISIT, PORTUGAL AND ROMANIA SIGNED A SERIES OF BILATERAL ACCORDS DEALING WITH MERCHANT MARINE NAVIGATION, VETERINARY AFFAIRS, AND ELIMINATION OF VISAS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES. A PREVIOUSLY SIGNED FRIENDSHIP AND COOPERATION TREATY WAS RATIFIED. HIGHLIGHT OF THE VISIT WAS A PROMISE BY ROMANIA TO EXTEND A \$100 MILLION EXPORT CREDIT TO PORTUGAL FOR THE PURCHASE OF ROMANIAN GOODS AND SERVICES. TERMS OF THE CREDIT ARE YET TO BE DETERMINED, PRESUMABLY WHEN MIXED PORTUGUESE-ROMANIAN ECONOMIC COMMISSION MEETS FOR THE FIRST TIME THIS COMING DECEMBER IN LISBON.

4. GOP-GOR COMMUNIQUE: THE GOP-GOR COMMUNIQUE ISSUED OCT 31 NOTED WITH SATISFACTION THE SEVERAL ACCORDS SIGNED BY THE TWO GOVERNMENTS AND CALLED FOR A MUCH GREATER INCREASE IN TRADE. ON POLITICAL THEMES, THE COMMUNIQUE APPLAUDED THE HELSINKI CSCE ACCORD AND NOTED THE NEED OF IMPLEMENTATION; AND CALLED FOR PROMPT RESOLUTION OF THE CYPRUS AND MIDDLE EASTERN CRISES.

THE COMMUNIQUE ALSO NOTED THAT PORTUGUESE PRIME MINISTER PINHEIRO DE AZEVEDO AND A REVOLUTIONARY COUNCIL DELEGATION WILL VISIT ROMANIAN AT A FUTURE DATE.

5. IDIOSYNCRASIES: THE STOLID SOLEMNITY OF THE CEAUSESCU VISIT LARGELY FAILED TO PROVIDE MUCH OF INTEREST FOR THE PORTUGUESE, BUT CERTAIN ACTIONS OF THE PRESIDENTIAL ENTOURAGE

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CERTAINLY RAISED A FEW EYEBROWS, IN HUMOROUS COMPENDIUM OF OF THESE SLIPS, INDEPENDENT DAILY "JORNAL NOVO" NOTED HOW THE DELEGATION FROM "SOCIALIST" ROMANIA COMPLAINED ABOUT THE INSUFFICIENT LUXURY OF THEIR QUARTERS (A PALACE), ORDERED THE PALACE STAFF ON ONE OCCASION TO TAKE OFF THEIR SHOES BECAUSE THEIR NOISE WAS "DISTURBING THE PRESIDENT," AND SHOED A CERTAIN LACK OF TRUST IN THEIR PORTUGUESE HOSTS BY EMPLOYING A FOOD TASTER AND RIPPING TWELVE PHONES OFF THE WALLS FROM THEIR QUARTERS FOR SECURITY REASONS.

6. COMMENT: ROMANIA'S OFFER OF A \$100 MILLION EXPORT CREDIT MAY BE LITTLE MORE THAN A GESTURE. ROMANIA'S EXPORTS TO PORTUGAL IN 1974 TOTALED 488 MILLION ESCUDOS, I.E., SOME \$20 MILLION. THUS, FULL USE OF THE CREDIT WOULD REQUIRE AT LEAST SEVERAL YEARS UNLESS ROMANIA SIGNIFICANTLY AND RAPIDLY AUGMENTS ITS SALES TO PORTUGAL, SUCH A SHARP INCREASE, OVER THE SHORT TERM, SEEMS UNLIKELY. ROMANIA'S EXPORTS WERE TOTALLY COMPRISED ALMOST OF MEATS AND CEREALS, INCREASED AMOUNTS OF WHICH ROMANIA MAY FACE DIFFICULTY DIRECTING FROM ITS DOMESTIC AND TRADITIONAL FOREIGN MARKETS. CEAUSESCU'S LENGTHY MEETING WITH SA CARNEIRO DEALT A MILD SETBACK TO COMMUNIST PARTY EFFORTS TO ISOLATE THE PPD AND EVENTUALLY TO FORCE IT FROM THE GOVERNMENT. CEAUSESCU'S DECISION TO MEET WITH THE PPD LEADER STOOD IN SHARP CONTRAST TO THE SNUB TO THE PPD LEADER BY THE COMMUNIST-LINING WORLD PEACE COUNCIL, VISITING LISBON AT THE SAME TIME. CARLUCCI

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PORTUGUESE PRESIDENT ARRIVES IN MOSCOW

Moscow TASS in English 0905 GMT 1 Oct 75 LD

[Text] Moscow, October 1 TASS--President of Portugal General Francisco da Costa Gomes and Mrs Costa Gomes arrived for an official visit in Moscow today at the invitation of the USSR Supreme Soviet Presidium and the Soviet Government. There to meet the guests at the airport, which was decked out with the government flags of Portugal and the Soviet Union, were President of the USSR Supreme Soviet Nikolay Podgornyy, Foreign Minister Andrey Gromyko and other officials.

Moscow Radio Report

Moscow Domestic Service in Russian 0900 GMT 1 Oct 75 LD

[Text] The airliner with Gen Francisco da Costa Gomes, president of the Portuguese republic, has just landed at Vnukovo-2 airport. He is visiting the Soviet Union on an official visit at the invitation of the USSR Supreme Soviet and Soviet Government. His arrival is being carried live by television.

The press and [word indistinct] evaluate the development of Soviet-Portuguese relations as satisfactory.

Today's PRAVDA writes that relations between the USSR and Portugal are successfully developing in various fields following the establishment of diplomatic relations on 9 June 1974. Trade and economic relations between the USSR and Portugal were established at a time when essential changes were occurring on the European continent, IZVESTIYA stresses. The conference in Helsinki has shown that the people of Europe are interested in peaceful and mutually advantageous cooperation in diverse spheres. At present, the paper continues, there are good opportunities for further expansion of trade between the Soviet Union and Portugal.

[Moscow Domestic Service in Russian at 0930 GMT on 1 October carries a similar report on Costa Gomes' arrival, adding that "Defense Minister Grechko" was also at the airport to greet the guest.]

New Agreements May Be Signed

Moscow IZVESTIYA in Russian 28 Sep 75 Morning Edition p 2 LD

[IZVESTIYA-TASS report: "Decision of the Revolutionary Council"]

[Text] The forthcoming visit by Costa Gomes, president of Portugal, to the Soviet Union is at the center of attention of the Lisbon press. The newspaper O SECULO writes that this visit has been prepared by the entire course of the recent development of relations between both countries and the cooperation between them. New agreements may be signed as a result of the visit and will promote the further development of these relations.

It has been learned that a session of the Revolutionary Council has been held under the chairmanship of Gen Costa Gomes in Fort Sao Juliao da Barra on the outskirts of Lisbon.

The official communique put out by the president's office says that "in connection with the seriousness of the present military-political situation and incidents in violation of public order, and the need to insure a calm atmosphere in the country," the Revolutionary Council has resolved to set up immediately a military operational group for maintaining

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At that time, the Soviet people were still in a period of healing the unprecedented wounds they had suffered in the fierce war against fascist Germany. But despite this, they extended a fraternal helping hand to China just as they did to China during the period of its struggle for liberation. The Soviet people spared no effort to help Chinese people restore and develop their economy.

From 1950 through 1959, the PRC and the USSR entered into agreements calling for Soviet assistance in building some 400 large-scale industrial enterprises. Within the 10 years following the founding of the PRC, supported by the Soviet Union, China built more than 250 large-scale industrial enterprises, various workshops and other projects. The Soviet Union furnished these enterprises with the most modern equipment. With Soviet support and assistance, China also built industrial departments it did not have before; among these were departments of machine-building, motor vehicles, tractors, power, heavy-duty machinery, sophisticated equipment, meters and instruments and radio components as well as various chemical industrial enterprises. In 1960, the enterprises receiving Soviet aid produced nearly 40 percent of the steel, 80 percent of the motor vehicles and more than 90 percent of the tractors in China. This fact showed that Soviet cooperation was very effective in developing the economy of a young nation like the PRC.

If the Chinese leaders had maintained their economic cooperation with the Soviet Union, in 1967 the Soviet-aided enterprises would have been able to produce 30 million tons of steel, 28 million tons of pig iron and 25 million tons of steel products. This is an economic target that has yet to be reached by China even to date. The Chinese leaders have damaged China's economy as a result of their efforts to shift their country's economic interests toward the capitalist countries. This shift has made China's economy inevitably dependent on the capitalist market, characterized by disorder and chaos, acute competition, constant fluctuation and crisis.

Over the past several years, the crisis of the capitalist world has adversely affected China's trade. First, China faces difficulties in selling and marketing its textile goods and farm commodities, thus forcing it to lower its prices. Second, faced by a shortage of foreign exchange, it has imported commodities from the developed capitalist countries. Such trade between the PRC and developed capitalist countries has resulted in a deficit of U.S. \$1.3 billion in favor of the latter. The American CHRISTIAN SCIENCE MONITOR predicts that the PRC's trade deficit will continue to enlarge rapidly. This fact shows where the problem lies. It also eloquently proves that the Chinese leaders' efforts to develop China's economic relations with the capitalist world is bound to cause severe damage to the Chinese people.

China's interests in developing socialism require the restoration of its cooperation with the socialist countries. On the Soviet side, we have done everything possible to restore the friendly and cooperative relations between the USSR and China. In this connection, in his recent speech, Comrade Brezhnev, general secretary of the CPSU Central Committee, said: The Soviet Union has been consistently striving to make Soviet-Chinese relations return to the normal track. Our line--the line of the 24th CPSU Congress--remains unchanged. We are willing to restore friendship and cooperation with the Chinese people. The Soviet people always have high respect for the Chinese people.

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It will include subunits of army, navy and air force operational forces. This group will be directly subordinate to the president of the republic and the armed forces' chief of general staff.

The Lisbon press reports certain Western countries' intention to give Portugal economic aid. Progressive publications stress that such aid often conceals the imperialist powers' desire to subordinate the country to their own interests and to interfere in Portugal's internal affairs. Certain circles abroad are hoping to take advantage of the present economic difficulties in Portugal, the newspaper AVANTE writes, and to this end are inflaming the economic difficulties which have emerged in Portugal. A number of signs have appeared recently, the newspaper stresses, pointing to the fact that these difficulties will be overcome; inflation growth rates have been reduced and agricultural and industrial production is growing.

Glazunov Commentary

Moscow in Czech and Slovak to Czechoslovakia 1600 GMT 30 Sep 75 LD

[Viktor Glazunov commentary]

[Excerpts] The official visit of Portuguese President Costa Gomes to the Soviet Union is proof of the significant changes that have recently taken place in Soviet-Portuguese relations. The changes began with the April revolution in 1974. We Soviet people always felt solidarity with the efforts of the Portuguese to achieve freedom. That was why it was with such understanding and profound sympathy that we welcomed the April revolution that overthrew fascism and opened up new, bright horizons to Portugal.

We realize the difficulties the Portuguese people are encountering in the process of building a new life. The legacy of 50 years of fascist rule cannot be eliminated in a year or two. We know that it is not easy to overcome economic backwardness, to end illiteracy, and to rebuild life on new principles, and we are ready to share our experiences and grant whatever help is asked of us. The Soviet Union, taking into account Portugal's interest in developing its industry, has concluded a number of agreements with it, for example, construction of aluminium and cement works with Soviet help that will process local raw materials based on progressive Soviet technology.

Agreements have been signed on Soviet help in the reconstruction of mines, on the exploitation of deposits of lignite in Portugal, and on the use of radioactive isotopes for peaceful aims.

Portugal has gained a new market for its traditional exports. This is very important under conditions of intensified competition on capitalist markets in connection with the economic difficulties being experienced by the capitalist world. That world is doing much to cast a shadow on Soviet-Portuguese relations. It exaggerates the banal old stories about the hand of Moscow, and under the cloak of propaganda certain circles in the West try to interfere in the internal affairs of Portugal and turn the country's development in the direction they desire.

Our country bases its relations with Portugal on principles of absolute equality and noninterference. Of course, we are not indifferent to the road of Portugal's development. Our sympathies have been and continue to be on the side of the forces of democracy and social progress. But this does not change anything in our basic position of the inadmissibility of interference in the internal affairs of nations.

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The right to decide the question of what Portugal is to be like is the sole prerogative of the Portuguese people.

The visit of the president of the new Portugal to our country is a great and exciting event. Although it is an official visit, we look upon it as a friendly one. We are convinced that its results will make a considerable contribution to deepening relations for friendship and cooperation between the Soviet Union and Portugal.

PRAVDA Writes on Visit

Moscow TASS in English 2231 GMT 30 Sep 75 LD

[Text] Moscow, October 1 TASS--President of Portugal, General Francisco da Costa Gomes and his wife today arrives in Moscow on an official visit at the invitation of the Presidium of the USSR Supreme Soviet and the Soviet Government. PRAVDA publishes the president's biography and his portrait.

After the USSR and Portugal established diplomatic relations on June 9, 1974, they successfully developed relations in various fields on the basis of the principles of peaceful coexistence, PRAVDA writes. Welcoming the president of the Republic of Portugal, the Soviet people express the confidence that this visit will promote further development and strengthening of friendship and cooperation between the Soviet Union and Portugal in the interests of both countries, in the interests of relaxation and universal peace, PRAVDA writes.

Kotov View Visit

Moscow TASS in English 2235 GMT 30 Sept 75 LD

[Text] Moscow, October 1 TASS--PRAVDA's correspondent Boris Kotov reports from Lisbon that the visit of President Costa Gomes to the Soviet Union that begins today is described as a historic visit by the press of the Portuguese capital. "It is stressed here that the first contact in history on the summit level between Portugal and the Soviet Union became possible due to the invariable course of the Soviet foreign policy at the development of cooperation and friendship among nations."

Armando Mira Doris, the vice president of the "Portugal-USSR" society, told this to PRAVDA's correspondent: "We hope that the visit of our president to the USSR will make it possible to import a specific form of official documents to the existing favourable prospects in the sphere of bilateral commercial, scientific, technical and cultural relations."

Pointing to the striving of the new Portugal to the participation in the beneficial efforts to strengthen relaxation in Europe and beyond it, to implement the historic decisions of the European conference, Armando Mira Doris said: "Equal, mutually advantageous cooperation of Portugal with the Soviet Union and other socialist countries can have only a favourable effect on the strengthening of our national independence. This is particularly important at a time when the independent home and foreign policy course of Portugal is fiercely attacked by certain political forces."

IZVESTIYA Comments on Visit

Moscow TASS International Service in Russian 1812 GMT 30 Sep 75 LD

[Text] Moscow--IZVESTIYA stresses that the official visit to Moscow of Portuguese President Gen Francisco Costa Gomes, which begins tomorrow, 1 October, "will undoubtedly contribute to the consolidation of relations between our countries and, consequently, to the further widening of our fruitful cooperation in the field of foreign trade."

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"Showing interest in the further development and strengthening of already established economic relations," the paper writes, "The governments of the USSR and Portugal are consistently following a policy aimed at the all-round expansion of fruitful economic co-operation between the two countries." In this connection, it is pointed out that trade and economic relations between the Soviet Union and Portugal were established in a period marked by substantial changes in the European political situation. "The Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe showed," IZVESTIYA adds, "that the European peoples are interested in peaceful and mutually advantageous cooperation in the most varied fields. It is natural that the greatest importance is attached to questions of foreign trade exchange."

The paper points out that Soviet exports to Portugal in 1974-75 included such goods vital for the economy of that country as timber, cotton, asbestos, railway ties, newsprint, iron and steel products, fresh frozen fish, etc. During the same period, the USSR bought such traditional Portuguese exports as wine, tomato puree, almonds, cork and cork particles, rosin, footwear, garments, and cranes. "At present there are good possibilities for expanding goods turnover between our two countries," IZVESTIYA points out.

TASS REPORTS ON OCCUPATION OF RADIO STATIONS

Moscow TASS in English 1208 GMT 30 Sep 75 LD

[Text] Lisbon, September 30 TASS--Portuguese Prime Minister Admiral Pinheiro de Azevedo, speaking over the television, explained the reasons why the troops occupied the radio and television station. He said that the decision had been taken by him following the approval of the Revolutionary Council and the government. This step, the prime minister said, "is aimed at avoiding an emergency situation in the country", "to stop the escalation of political, social and economic instability".

The Political Committee of the Central Committee of the Portuguese Communist Party published a statement on that matter. The Portuguese Communist Party believes that radio and television "should transmit truthful and objective information, defend the revolutionary process and the gains of the revolution. It cannot be allowed that any party or grouping should subordinate them to their needs and use them for their own interests."

The Political Committee states that at the radio and T.V. stations one should not resort to reprisals against the left forces participating in the revolutionary process, but to clean them from the reactionary elements, continuing to occupy responsible posts in the mass media organs.

The PCP believes that the correct orientation of the mass information media on the part of the authorities is the necessary condition for carrying out the policy really aimed at fighting the reaction and in defence of the Portuguese revolution.

The statement contains an appeal to the working people to preserve vigilance in regard to demagogic statements, adherents of violence represented by the irresponsible leftist elements.

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SOLDIERS' PARTICIPATION IN RALLIES

Moscow PRAVDA in Russian 27 Sep 75 P 5 LD

[PRAVDA special correspondent B. Kotov dispatch: "Mass Demonstration"]

[Text] Lisbon, 26 September--A session of the Armed Forces Movement [MFA] Supreme Revolutionary Council ended today. The press believes that it discussed such problems as the situation in the military units, in particular.

Observers here connect this with events which happened in Fort Trafaria 20 km from Lisbon. At the demand of a delegation of soldiers, two military servicemen, arrested for disseminating leaflets published by the "White Soldiers Will Triumph!" organization recently created in the country, were released from a military prison there. The delegation went there from Lisbon after a mass demonstration by soldiers and workers.

More than 100,000 people participated in the demonstration which included 10,000-15,000 military servicemen, the press reports. They came from all military districts, from the southern, central and northern regions of the country; banners floated over the streets of the capital. "Reactionaries--out of the barracks" and "Portugal will not become a European Chile," The soldiers and sailors chanted: "Always, always with the people," It was the Lisbon Secretariat of Workers Commissions which urged participation in the demonstration.

A manifesto was distributed during yesterday's demonstration saying that the "United Soldiers Will Triumph!" organization is "a united anticapitalist and anti-imperialist front which emerged at a moment when fascist reaction was again becoming active."

Today the national Portuguese radio reported that, because of the unstable situation in the country, the MFA Revolutionary Council had decided to set up a special military day-to-day group with the task of maintaining public order. It is directly responsible to the president of the republic and the armed forces chief of general staff. An assembly of military delegates of the Lisbon military district is to be convened today to examine the situation.

TASS REPORTS KOSYGIN-KOHL MEETING

Moscow TASS in English 1313 GMT 30 Sep 75 LD

[Text] Moscow, September 30 TASS--Chairman of the Council of Ministers of the USSR Aleksey Kosygin received in the Kremlin Helmut Kohl, prime minister of Rheinland-Pfalz Land, chairman of the Christian Democratic Union of the FRG, now staying in the Soviet Union at the invitation of the government of the Russian Federation. They discussed certain questions of relations between the USSR and the FRG and international problems of mutual interest.

PRAVDA on 25 Sep activities

Moscow PRAVDA in Russian 26 Sep 75 P 5 LD

[Text] TASS--H. Kohl, chairman of the Christian Democratic Union and prime minister of the Rhineland-Pfalz Land (FRG), who is in our country at the invitation of the RSFSR Government, made a trip to the Kama truck plant on 25 September.

At the close of President Costa Gomes' visit to Moscow, the USSR and Portugal announced the signing of a long-term ^{SCIENTIFIC} economic and technical cooperation agreement. The agreement culminates negotiations begun nearly a year ago for Soviet economic assistance to Lisbon. There have been repeated reports throughout the year of Soviet plans to help Portugal construct a large aluminum smelter. Lisbon also was attempting to interest Moscow in aid for coal mining, ~~and~~ cement production, and nuclear power generation. Presumably Moscow will offer long-term credits to finance purchases of Soviet equipment for any projects eventually agreed on. However, it is unlikely that Moscow will pledge aid to any specific project without first conducting extensive feasibility studies.

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Attached is Reuters from Moscow reporting the issuance of a Soviet/Portuguese communique. Sets up a regular system for consultations, and expansion in political and economic cooperation. About what was expected, but in and of itself, not all that great stuff.

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PORTUGAL-NIGHTLEAD PRESIDENT

MOSCOW, OCT. 3, REUTER - THE SOVIET UNION AND PORTUGAL SAID TODAY THEY WOULD SET UP A REGULAR SYSTEM OF CONSULTATIONS ON BILATERAL AND WORLD PROBLEMS AND WORK TO EXPAND COOPERATION IN THE POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC FIELDS.

THE PLEDGES CAME IN A JOINT DECLARATION AND A COMMUNIQUE ISSUED AT THE END OF A THREE-DAY VISIT TO MOSCOW BY PRESIDENT FRANCISCO DA COSTA GOMES FOR TALKS WITH SOVIET PRESIDENT NIKOLAI PODGORNYY AND COMMUNIST PARTY LEADER LEONID BREZHNEV.

THE DECLARATION, MANY OF WHOSE POINTS WERE IDENTICAL TO THE COMMUNIQUE, SAID BOTH COUNTRIES WERE KEEN TO DEVELOP FRIENDSHIP AND COOPERATION. THE COMMUNIQUE ADDED THAT PRESIDENT PODGORNYY HAD ACCEPTED AN INVITATION TO VISIT PORTUGAL.

BOTH DOCUMENTS, TOGETHER WITH AN AGREEMENT ON COOPERATION IN CULTURE AND SCIENCE AND AN ACCORD ON LONG-TERM SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL COOPERATION, WERE SIGNED AT A KREMLIN CEREMONY BY THE TWO PRESIDENTS.

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THE DECLARATION SAID BOTH SIDES "ATTRIBUTE PRIMARY IMPORTANCE TO THE PEOPLE OF EACH STATE BEING GUARANTEED THE SOVEREIGN RIGHT TO DECIDE ITS OWN DESTINY WITHOUT ANY OUTSIDE INTERFERENCE, DIRECT OR INDIRECT, OR WHATEVER ITS ORIGIN....!"

"THEY BELIEVE THAT NO ONE SHOULD TRY TO IMPOSE ON OTHER PEOPLES WAYS OF DECIDING THEIR INTERNAL AFFAIRS." THE THREE-PAGE DECLARATION ADDED IN AN APPARENT REFERENCE TO CHARGES AND COUNTER-CHARGES BY EAST AND WEST OF INTERFERENCE IN PORTUGAL.

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THE SAME THEME AROSE DURING A TWO-HOUR MEETING BETWEEN PRESIDENT COSTA GOMES AND MR. BREZHNEV EARLIER TODAY, ACCORDING TO AN OFFICIAL SOVIET ACCOUNT OF THE DISCUSSIONS ISSUED BY THE TASS NEWS AGENCY.

MR. BREZHNEV, THE ACCOUNT SAID, TOLD THE PRESIDENT HE WISHED SUCCESS "TO WORKERS, PEASANTS, SOLDIERS, SAILORS, OFFICERS AND ALL DEMOCRATIC FORCES BUILDING A FREE AND INDEPENDENT PORTUGAL." 1

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THE LONG-TERM ECONOMIC AND SCIENTIFIC COOPERATION AGREEMENT -- THE TEXT OF WHICH WAS NOT IMMEDIATELY AVAILABLE -- WAS UNDERSTOOD TO INCLUDE A PROVISION FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A PERMANENT JOINT COMMISSION TO MEET ANNUALLY IN MOSCOW AND LISBON.

"THE TWO SIDES WILL HOLD REGULAR CONTACTS USING BOTH THE USUAL DIPLOMATIC CHANNELS AND SPECIAL MEETINGS OF REPRESENTATIVES AT VARIOUS LEVELS," THE DECLARATION, ISSUED AS PRESIDENT COSTA GOMES FLEW TO LENINGRAD WHERE HE ENDS HIS VISIT TOMORROW, SAID.

BOTH COUNTRIES "ASPIRE TO STRENGTHEN COOPERATION BETWEEN THEM IN THE POLITICAL, ECONOMIC, SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL AND CULTURAL FIELDS," IT ADDED.

THE DECLARATION AND THE COMMUNIQUE SAID THE TWO COUNTRIES HAILED THE RECENT EUROPEAN SECURITY CONFERENCE IN HELSINKI AS "AN IMPORTANT STEP TO ESTABLISH IN INTERNATIONAL LIFE THE PRINCIPLES OF PEACEFUL COEXISTENCE BETWEEN STATES WITH DIFFERENT SOCIAL SYSTEMS."

THE TWO DOCUMENTS ALSO CALLED FOR MILITARY DETENTE TO FOLLOW POLITICAL DETENTE IN EUROPE. 2

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Khudo Bakhsh Bucha. He said the new varieties known as 1R-28, 1R-29 and 1R-30 had recently been developed at a national research institute in the Philippines. (Karachi in English for India 0805 gmt 15 Jan 75)

NUCLEAR ENERGY The Pakistan Atomic Energy Commission has undertaken an extensive programme for the use of nuclear energy for economic development covering agriculture, power, medical and water development fields. This was stated by the Chairman of the Commission in an informal interview with reporters in Lahore on 30th December. Highest priority was being given to agriculture, which played the most important role in the national economy. Under this programme new varieties of wheat with more protein content, cotton with considerably larger yield, and rice capable of giving two crops a year were being developed by means of radiation. (Karachi home service in English 1300 gmt 30 Dec 74)

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

INDIA - ECONOMIC RELATIONS An 8-member Indian delegation left New Delhi on 19th January for Islamabad. The leader of the delegation the Commerce Secretary, Y.T. Shah, said that the aims were to sign a trade agreement, finalise a shipping agreement and resume banking links with Pakistan (New Delhi home service in English 0240 gmt 10 Jan 75; FE/4808/A3/4). A trade agreement between Pakistan and India was signed in Islamabad on 23rd January by E.A. Naik, leader of the Pakistan delegation, and Y.T. Shah, Indian Commerce Secretary (New Delhi home service in English 1530 gmt 23 Jan 75; FE/4813/A3/4).

LIBYA - CO-OPERATION AGREEMENTS On 9th January Libya and Pakistan signed agreements covering: the movements of capital between the two countries for the purpose of investment; the formation of a Libya - Pakistan shipping company; technical and scientific co-operation; and avoidance of double taxation. (ARNA 1500 gmt 10 Jan 75; ME/W810/A1/5)

USSR - EARTHQUAKE RELIEF The Union of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies of the USSR has decided to donate goods worth over 1,300,000 rupees for relief of Pakistan earthquake victims. (Karachi in English for abroad 1815 gmt 24 Jan 75)

PAPUA NEW GUINEA

JAPAN - NATURAL GAS In Papua New Guinea a Japanese petroleum company is launching a 20,000,000-dollar search for natural gas. A spokesman for the company, Papua New Guinea Petroleum, said in Port Moresby on 25th January the search would be made over a 3-year period in the Gulf district; the company hoped to drill three wells in the Kikori area and had started clearing work for the first one. (Melbourne in English for abroad 0845 gmt 25 Jan 75)

PHILLIPPINES

OIL On 15th January President Marcos ordered the release of 30,000,000 pesos to finance an offshore oil exploration programme to be undertaken by the Philippine

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labour and thrift. . . The Vice-Minister says in conclusion: Aware of the importance of light industry's present task of stepping up production and capital construction on the basis of improving the management of economy and technique, [and] training and fostering more workers and cadres in order to produce many more consumer goods of high quality, North Vietnam's textile industry in 1975 will increase its total output value by about 28% over 1974, [while] at the same time actively preparing for the execution of the Second 5-Year Plan (1976-80). (VNA in English 0713 gmt 21 Jan 75)

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

MONGOLIA - TRADE DELEGATION A Mongolian trade delegation led by D Tserensanjaa, Deputy Minister of Foreign Trade, arrived in Hanoi on 22nd January. (VNA in English 1810 gmt 22 Jan 75; FE/4812/A3/5)

PAKISTAN

ENVIRONMENT

EARTHQUAKE AFTERMATH The rest (?of) the 24-mile sector of the Karakoram highway from Patan to (?Komila), devastated by the recent earthquake, was reopened to traffic on 15th January. With this restoration, the Karakoram highway is now open to all types of traffic up to the Gilgit. The damaged section of the 26 miles of the highway from Bisham to Patan was reopened to traffic earlier. With the clearing of the Karakoram highway the dispatch of relief goods and relief materials to earthquake-affected areas has been ensured.

(Excerpt) The Government is considering a long-term plan for the rehabilitation of the earthquake-affected people of Swat and Hazara Districts. This was stated by the Minister of State for Defence and Foreign Affairs, Mr Aziz Ahmed, while winding up the discussion on an adjournment motion about relief operations being carried out in the affected areas. He said a master plan would be prepared for the reconstruction of the area, which would become a model for the rest of the country. With substantial sums at their disposal, they hoped to construct model villages which would have earthquake-proof houses and all civic amenities. . . (Karachi home service in English 1300 gmt 21 Jan 75)

LOCAL DEVELOPMENT MODEL Villages of prefabricated houses are to be established all along the Karakoram highway from (?Phalkot) to the Gilgit border area, according to the North-West Frontier Province Minister for Planning and Development, Hayat Mohammad Khan Sherpao, speaking in Bisham on 12th January. He said all the valleys and remote areas would be connected with the highway by building suitable roads which would later be developed to carry heavy vehicles. Besides roads, schools, dispensaries, hospitals and other welfare centres would be established in every valley. (Karachi home service in English 1300 gmt and in English for abroad 1530 gmt 12 Jan 75)

WATER AND SOIL The Prime Minister has disclosed that a gigantic anti-waterlogging and salinity project is being implemented in the country to save agricultural land from being ruined and hopes that positive results will be achieved within 2 years. Addressing an open kachery [people's court] in Jacobabad on 9th January, he said that the above twin menace was eating away at the very fibre of the economy, particularly in Sind and Punjab. Referring to the demand for more tractors, the Prime Minister said that 15,000 tractors were being imported "next year", to meet the growing requirements of agriculture. (Karachi in English for abroad 0805 gmt 9 Jan 75)

PRODUCTION

CROPS Two new varieties of rice are to be introduced in Pakistan to boost rice production, according to the special assistant to the Prime Minister for Agriculture,

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1. (S/NOFORN) PHILIPPINES/PRC OIL AGREEMENT RENEWED

ON 14 NOV, THE PRC AND THE PHILIPPINES SIGNED A NEW OIL
AGREEMENT COVERING THE SALE OF CHINESE CRUDE OIL TO THE PHILIPPINES
DURING 1976. A CLAUSE IN AN IMPLEMENTING CONTRACT, WHICH IS NOT
PART OF THE FORMAL AGREEMENT, CALLS FOR THE SALE OF 500,000 AND
400,000 TONS OF OIL DURING THE FIRST AND SECOND HALVES OF 1976,
RESPECTIVELY. EFFECTIVE FOR THE ENTIRE YEAR, THE CONTRACT IS
RENEWABLE DURING A 60-DAY PERIOD FOLLOWING ITS EXPIRATION.

PHILIPPINE NATIONAL OIL COMPANY CHAIRMAN VALASCO REPORTEDLY
FINDS OIL TRANSACTIONS WITH THE CHINESE DISSATISFYING. ACCORDING
TO VALASCO, NEITHER THE AGREEMENT NOR THE CONTRACT BINDS
THE CHINESE TO PROVIDE CRUDES OF FIXED QUANTITIES OR FIRM
DELIVERY DATES, OR OF SPECIFIC SULFUR CONTENT OR OTHER
CHARACTERISTICS.

IPAC COMMENT: THE PHILIPPINES HAVE IMPORTED ABOUT 1,000,000
TONS OF OIL FROM CHINA SINCE IMELDA MARCOS "ARRANGED" THE
TRANSACTION IN SEP 74--250,000 TONS DURING THE LAST QUARTER OF
1974 AND 750,000 TONS DURING ALL OF 1975. THE FILIPINOS CLAIM
THE CHINESE ARE PROVIDING THEM LOW-SULFUR CRUDES AT CUT RATES
THE JAN-JUN 76 PRICE REPORTEDLY IS TO BE \$8.50 PER BARREL.
PRICE ON THE REMAINING 450,000 TONS MUST BE NEGOTIATED LATER,
AND MAY BE HIGHER. THE 1976 PRICES WILL BE AT LEAST \$1 MORE
PER BARREL THAN THE FILIPINOS PAID DURING THE SECOND HALF OF
1975. COMPARED TO GOOD LOW-SULFUR INDONESIAN CRUDES THAT COST

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 MANILA ROUGHLY \$11 TO \$12.50 PER BARREL IN THE RECENT PAST.
 DESPITE THE "FRIENDSHIP RATES," IT APPEARS THE PHILIPPINES HAVE
 BEEN AND WILL CONTINUE TO BE AT THE MERCY OF THE CHINESE. FOR
 EXAMPLE, IN THEIR FIRST SHIPMENT TO THE PHILIPPINES IN OCT 74.
 THE CHINESE SUPPLIED "CRUDES" THAT HAD BEEN STRIPPED OF THE
 HIGHER VOLATILES, MAKING THE RESIDUE LITTLE BETTER THAN ORDINARY
 BUNKER FUEL. THE CHINESE MAY SEEK TO EXACT POLITICAL CONCESSIONS
 IN EXCHANGE FOR REGULAR SHIPMENTS OF STANDARD QUALITY CRUDES IN
 SCHEDULED AMOUNTS. DIFFICULTIES IN TRYING TO PRODUCE AND MARKET
 PRODUCTS DERIVED FROM CHINESE DELIVERIES OF UNRELIABLE QUALITY,
 QUANTITY, AND FREQUENCY MAKE THE FILIPINOS VULNERABLE TO PEKING'S
 BARGAINING LEVERAGE
 CIA/IPAC FILES
 (SECRET NOFORN/KNINTEL)

2. (S/NOFORN) LAOS: ANTI-COMMUNIST RESISTANCE GROUPS

SMALL COMMANDO UNITS COMPOSED OF FORMER FAR AND ROYAL LAO
 GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS REPORTEDLY ARE CONDUCTING OPERATIONS AGAINST
 PATHET LAO (PL) UNITS IN SOUTHERN LAOS. THE SCARCITY OF
 WEAPONS, AMMUNITION, AND OTHER EQUIPMENT IS LIMITING THE UNITS
 TO SMALL AMBUSHES AND RAIDS, BUT THEY PLAN TO EXPAND OPERATIONS
 IF THEY CAN OBTAIN MORE LOGISTIC SUPPORT. AT LEAST TWO GROUPS
 AND THEIR LEADERS HAVE BEEN IDENTIFIED AS OPERATING PRIMARILY IN
 CHAMPASSAK, SEDONE, AND VAPIKHAMTHONG PROVINCES. THE UNITS ARE
 COMPOSED OF MEN WHO FLED LAOS SINCE MAY 75 AND LATER RETURNED TO
 CONDUCT GUERRILLA MISSIONS IN CHAMPASSAK PROVINCE AND WESTERN
 SEDONE PROVINCE. THE SIX-MAN GUERRILLA TEAMS ARE SENT ON
 MISSIONS OF ONLY 10-15 DAYS. SINCE REFUGEES ARE REQUIRED TO
 REPORT TO REFUGEE CENTER OFFICIALS EVERY 15 DAYS. AT AN 8 NOV
 MEETING BETWEEN PL AND UBON PROVINCE OFFICIALS, THE COMMUNISTS
 ASKED THE THAI NOT TO AID OR HARBOR ANY RESISTANCE GROUPS.

IPAC COMMENT: OTHER REPORTS HAVE CONFIRMED THE PRESENCE OF
 RESISTANCE GROUPS IN SOUTHERN LAOS AND IN THE PLAIN OF JARS, WHERE
 MUONG FOLLOWERS OF FORMER GEN VANG PAO ARE ALSO ATTACKING PL
 UNITS. THE PRESENCE OF LAO REFUGEES IN THAILAND, AND VIENTIANE'S
 CHARGES THAT BANGKOK IS HELPING THEM PLOT AGAINST THE PEOPLE'S
 DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC HAVE CONTRIBUTED TO THE DETERIORATION OF
 LAO THAI RELATIONS. IPAC HAS NO INFORMATION TO SUBSTANTIATE
 VIENTIANE'S ACCUSATIONS OF THAI INVOLVEMENT IN LAO INTERNAL
 AFFAIRS.

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3. (S/NOFORN) USSR: COMBAT EQUIPMENT IN MONGOLIA

RECENT PHOTOGRAPHS OF THE ARBAY HEERE GARRISON AREA IN
 MONGOLIA REVEAL THE PRESENCE OF AN ADDITIONAL 168 TANKS,
 63 AMPHIBIOUS ARMORED INFANTRY COMBAT VEHICLES (BMP), AND
 ENGINEER EQUIPMENT. THIS IS SUFFICIENT TO FORM THE NUCLEUS
 OF A TANK REGIMENT, TWO MOTORIZED RIFLE REGIMENTS, AND AN
 ENGINEER BATTALION. ALTHOUGH ADDITIONAL EQUIPMENT AND
 PERSONNEL WOULD BE REQUIRED. THE ARBAY HEERE GARRISON, ABOUT
 200 NM FROM THE CHINESE BORDER, HOUSES A MOTORIZED RIFLE
 REGIMENT AND A ROCKET LAUNCHER BATTALION. IT IS NOT KNOWN
 WHETHER THIS EQUIPMENT REPRESENTS A MOVE TO CREATE THE NUCLEUS
 OF A THIRD SOVIET DIVISION IN MONGOLIA OR A PRE-POSITIONING
 OF ADDITIONAL COMBAT EQUIPMENT. IN ANY EVENT, IT INCREASES THE
 AVAILABILITY OF SUCH EQUIPMENT ALONG THE BORDER.

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NEW BANGLADESH GOVERNMENT RECOGNIZED

Dacca Domestic Service in English 0830 GMT 11 Sep 75 BK

[Text] The Philippines has recognized the new Government of Bangladesh. In a message to President Mushtaque, President Marcos has said in view of the bonds of friendship and mutual understanding between the two countries, we will continue to have friendship and cooperation.

Philippines already has oil glut.
 PRC AGREES TO INCREASE OIL SUPPLY AT LOW PRICE

Hong Kong AFP in English 0410 GMT 6 Sep 75 OW

[Text] Manila, Sept 6 (AFP)--People's China has agreed to increase its supply of oil to the Philippines at a preferential "friendship price," it was officially disclosed here last night.

China is expected to ship 15,000 b/d of oil to the Philippines at \$7.50 per barrel in 1975 under an agreement signed last year.
 First Lady Mrs Imelda Marcos, wife of President Ferdinand Marcos, made the disclosure upon arrival here from a trip to Latin America and the United States which included talks with Chinese representatives to the United Nations.

Mrs Marcos said that in her talks in Venezuela, President Carlos Andres Perez also agreed to supply the Philippines with oil in support of the Philippine policy to find new sources of essential imports. Mrs Marcos did not specify the quantity of oil the Philippines would be getting from China or Venezuela. Earlier, China had pledged to supply the Philippines with a total of 750,000 metric tons of oil in 1974 and 1975.

Mrs Marcos said that in her New York meeting with China's Minister of Foreign Trade Li Chiang they negotiated a system of barter whereby the Philippines would trade its exports of sugar, copper and copra for Chinese oil. She said the Chinese commitment to supply the Philippines with oil at a "friendship price" was significant in view of the oil-exporting countries' (OPEC) move for another 25 to 30 percent increase in the price of oil. Under the arrangement, Chinese oil would be supplied to the Philippines at costs lower than the OPEC price. Thus, if a barrel of oil is normally sold at 11.50 dollars, "we'll get it at seven", Mrs Marcos said.

She said the arrangement would also mean that China would buy Philippine products at prices higher than those prevailing in the depressed world market. This arrangement would enable the Philippines to save its hard currency, according to Mrs Marcos.

In Cuba, Mrs Marcos said she discussed with Premier Fidel Castro bilateral cooperation between the two governments for a "realistic and just price" of sugar on the world market. The Philippines and Cuba are among the world's biggest sugar producers.

MARCOS: SELF-DEFENSE NECESSARY

Hong Kong AFP in English 0438 GMT 10 Sep 75 OW

[Text] Manila, Sept 10 (AFP)--President Ferdinand Marcos declared today that the "tide of rebellion" had been stemmed in the Philippines' Moslem south and the way paved for "a lasting solution" to the separatist war.

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MALAYSIA & SINGAPORE

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RAZAK: TOUGH LINE FOR ILLEGAL WEAPONS POSSESSION

Kuala Lumpur International Service in English 0830 GMT 10 Sep 75 BK

[Excerpt] Tun Abdul Razak said today the government would not pardon or commute the death penalty on those found guilty of illegal ownership or possession of firearms or explosives. The prime minister said the government had to take swift action to check the activities of antinational and mischievous elements.

The government has already enforced special legislation of the internal security act [words indistinct] illegal possession of firearms or explosives liable for death penalty.

He was opening a 6.6 million ringgit housing program in Kuala Lumpur.

The recent bombing of the national monument and the grenade attack on the police force brigade center [word indistinct] in Kuala Lumpur were aimed at undermining the morale of security forces and the people. He was confident the people would not be cowed by such acts of the enemy who have killed and injured innocent persons. He believed such acts would only strengthen the people's determination to wipe out the enemy.

CABINET MINISTERS, OTHERS TAKE SALARY CUT

Kuala Lumpur Domestic Service in English 1100 GMT 10 Sep 75 BK

[Text] Members of the cabinet and deputy ministers have agreed to reduce their salary by 5 percent from next month. Tun Abdul Razak said the decision was taken in view of the continuous difficult economic and financial situation. The prime minister hoped others would emulate the spirit of sacrifice set by the ministers and deputy ministers. He was confident Menteri Besar [official rank of some state prime ministers] and chief ministers would also follow suit.

The prime minister also announced that the cabinet had decided to temporarily suspend the annual bonus for government servants earning 1,000 ringgit and above. This will become effective after the payment of the third quarterly bonus at the end of this month. Tun Razak made it clear the suspension was temporary. The payment of bonus will be continued when the situation improves.

ASIAN BROADCASTING INSTITUTE TO BE SET UP

Jakarta OANA in English 0640 GMT 11 Sep 75 BK

[Excerpt] Kuala Lumpur, Sep 11 (OANA BERNAMA)--The regional Asian institute of broadcasting development is to be formally established here soon, the director general of education, Tan Sri Haji Hamdan Bin Sheikh Tahir said on Sep 1. The institute was being developed and supported by UNESCO to fulfill the need for trained manpower in the media field in the region, he said when opening the 8-week regional course in educational media production and presentation at the National Broadcasting Training Centre. The course was organized by UNESCO in association with the Asian Broadcasting Union (ABU).

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EUMMARY: ROMANIAN PRESIDENT CEASESCU PAID STATE VISIT
TO PHILIPPINES APR 9-12. IT WAS FIRST VISIT OF SOCIALIST
HEAD OF STATE TO PHILIPPINES AND AS EXPECTED GOP SUCCESSFULLY
USED IT TO RESTATE AND AMPLIFY NEW THEMES IN FOREIGN
AFFAIRS-- BROADENED RELATIONS WITH SOCIALIST AND THIRD
WORLD, LESSENING DEPENDENCE ON US, AND INCREASED PROFITS
FROM "EASTER" TRADE. POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC SUBSTANCE OF
VISIT WAS UNDERSTANDABLY RELATIVELY SLIGHT. JOINT COMMUNIQUE
VAGUELY ENDORSED BALKANS AND INDIAN OCEAN AS NUCLEAR-
FREE ZONES OF PEACE (AS WELL AS ASEAN S.E. ASIAN ZONE OF
PEACE PROPOSAL AND PHILIPPINES ASIAN FORUM CONCEPT.) PRESS
PLAYED UP GOP AGREEMENT TO PURCHASE 500 ROMANIAN TRACTORS
AND \$3.6 MILLION WORTH OF OIL EQUIPMENT. AND ROMANIAN AGREE-
MENT TO PROVIDE \$3 MILLION "SOFT" LOAN FOR POWER PLANT.
ROMANIAN FIRST COUPLE APPEARED DOUR AT FIRST BUT THAWED
CONSIDERABLY UNDER ONSLAUGHT OF FORCED DRAFT PHILIPPINE
HOSPITALITY. END SUMMARY.

1. PRESIDENT MARCOS AND IMELDA PULLED OUT ALL STOPS IN
GENERALLY SUCCESSFUL EFFORT TO MAKE FIRST VISIT OF A SOCIAL-
IST HEAD OF STATE TO PHILIPPINES A MEMORABLE MULTI-MEDIA
HAPPENING. GOP USED VISIT PRIMARILY AS OPPORTUNITY TO RE-

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STATE NEW DIRECTIONS IN FOREIGN AFFAIRS (BUILDING RELATIONS WITH COMMUNIST COUNTRIES AND LDCS, AND SHIFT AWAY FROM RELIANCE ON US.), SINCE ROMANIA IS SMALLY COUNTRY NONALIGNED WITH COMMUNIST GIANTS, THESE THEMES (WHICH ARE STILL NEW AND ZESTY TO BOTH GOP AND PHILIPPINE PUBLIC) COULD BE SOUNDED WITHOUT CREATING UNDUE ALARM OR CAUSING RISK OF UPSETTING DELICATE PROCESS OF "NORMALIZATION" WITH SOVIETS AND CHINESE. FACT THAT RELATIONS BETWEEN ROMANIA AND PHILIPPINES ARE (FOR OBVIOUS GEOGRAPHICAL REASONS) OF SLIGHT SUB-STATIVE CONSEQUENCE TO EITHER COUNTRY FURTHER FACILITATED SHOW OF CAMARADERIE.

2. FROM PHILIPPINE POINT OF VIEW, HIGH POINT OF VISIT WAS PRESENCE OF ROMANIAN PRESIDENT AT APR 10 BATAAN DAY CEREMONY (WHICH WAS POSTPONED A DAY TO ACCOMMODATE VISIT.) IN PAST, THIS ANNUAL RITE HAS CELEBRATED TRADITIONAL US-PHILIPPINE FRIENDSHIP MADE SACRED BY BLOOD SHED MUTUALLY IN DARK DAYS OF EARLY WORLD WAR II. THIS YEAR MARCOS (WHILE NOT NEGLECTING NOD IN DIRECTION OF CONTINUING US TIES) STRESSED "LESSON" OF BATAAN THAT FILIPINOS MUST NEVER AGAIN DEPEND ON FOREIGN POWERS TO DEFEND THEM. FOLLOWING APR 12 FAREWELL ANQUET GOP ANNOUNCED THAT IN LIGHT OF SHIFTING WORLD BALANCE OF POWER, REEXAMINATION OF US BASES AGREEMENT IS UNDERWAY (REF A). ALTHOUGH THESE PRONOUNCEMENTS WERE MAINLY PROMPTED BY EVENTS WHICH TOOK PLACE AFTER ORIGINAL PLANNING OF CEAUSESCU VISIT, HISPRESENCE PROVIDED A PARTICULARLY APT AND CONGENIAL FORUM FOR EXPRESSING THEM.

3. IN MASSIVE PUBLICITY SURROUNDING CEREMONIAL DETAILS OF VISIT (STATE DINNERS, ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE CEREMONIES, GRANTING OF HONORARY DEGREES TO BOTH CEAUSESCUS, ETC.) MEDIA STRESSED THEME THAT GOP IS ENGAGED IN BUILDING NEW NETWORK OF FRIENDSHIP WITH HEITHERTO NEGLECTED SOCIALIST AND "THIRD" WORLDS. THIS HAS BECOME FOREIGN POLICY LEITMOTIF OF MARCOS' "NEW SOCIETY". GOVERNMENT HAS MADE EVERY EFFORT TO PICTURE NEW BROADENING OF RELATIONS NOT ONLY AS TRENDY EFFORT TO KEEP UP WITH (OR AHEAD OF) JONES IN WORLD AFFAIRS, BUT ALSO AS MAJOR SUBSTANTIVE REFORM WITH SOLID PRACTICAL CONSEQUENCES (FOR EXAMPLE, GUARANTEEIN ARAB OIL SUPPLY AND GOODWILL REGARDING MINDANAO REBELLION).

4. AS EXPECTED, RITUAL SIGNIFICANCE OF VISIT FAR OUTWEIGHED POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC SUBSTANCE. GOP HAS ANNOUNCED SIGNING

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OF "NINE ACCORDS" INCLUDING JOINT COMMUNIQUE, JOINT DECLARATION (THESE TWO BOTH MAINLY STATEMENTS OF NOBLE INTENTIONS), A TRADE AGREEMENT, BASIC AGREEMENTS ON ECONOMIC AND TECHNICAL COOPERATION AND ON SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL COOPERATION, CULTURAL AGREEMENT, VISA AGREEMENT, ECONOMIC REPRESENTATION AGREEMENT, AND AGREEMENT ON EXPANSION AND DIVERSIFICATION OF TRADE. (TEXTS OF SIGNIFICANT AGREEMENT WILL BE FOLDED DEPARTMENT AS AVAILABLE.

5. ON POLITICAL SIDE, JOINT COMMUNIQUE INCLUDED MUTUAL RECOGNITION OF "IMPORTANCE" OF TRANSFORMING AREAS "SUCH AS" BALKANS AND INDIAN OCEAN INTO NUCLEAR-FREE ZONES OF PEACE AND COOPERATION. COMMUNIQUE EXPRESSED "HOPE" FOR FORMATION OF PHILIPPINE-PROPOSED "ASIAN FORUM" AND SIMILARLY VAGUE GOOD INTENTIONS RE ASEAN ZONE OF PEACE, FREEDOM AND NEUTRALITY IN S.E. ASIA.

6. ON ECONOMIC SIDE, REPORTEDLY GOP AGREED TO BUY FIVE HUNDRED ROMANIAN (UT8) TRACTORS DURING 1975 (PACKAGE INCLUDES SERVICING BY ROMANIAN TECHNICIANS) AND \$3.6 MILLION WORTH OF OIL DRILLING EQUIPMENT (REPORTEDLY TO BE USED IN ON-SHORE EXPLORATION IN CAGAYAN VALLEY OF LUZON). ROMANIANS GRANTED \$31 MILLION "SOFT" LOAN FOR CONSTRUCTION OF THERMAL (OIL OR COAL FIRED) POWER PLANT ON CEBU. ACCORDING TO GOVERNMENT NEWS AGENCY (PNA) ROMANIANS ALSO AGREED TO PURCHASE \$65 MILLION WORTH OF NICKEL OVER THE NEXT SIX YEARS. NOT MENTIONED IS FACT THAT PHILIPP BROTHERS OCEANIC INC. NEGOTIATED THE CONTRACT DIRECTLY BEFORE THE CEAUSESCU VISIT. LOCAL PHILIPP REP WHILE NOT REVEALING EXACT AMOUNT INDICATED THAT TOTAL WAS LESS THAN THAT MENTIONED IN PRESS, GOP URGED ADDITIONAL PURCHASES OF LONG LIST OF COMMODITIES POINTING OUT THAT PRESENT TRADE UNBALANCED IN ROMANIAN FAVOR. ACCORDING PRESS, ROMANIAN OFFICIAL REMAINED IN MANILA TO CONTINUE TRADE NEGOTIATIONS.

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 7. ERRATIC AND SOMETIMES HEAVY-HANDED BEHAVIOR OF ROMANIAN
 CHARGE BOGDAN BALTAZAR CAUSED SOME ANNOYANCE. DURING PRE-
 VISIT NEGOTIATIONS ON VARIOUS AGREEMENTS BALTAZAR ATTEMPTED
 TO BROWBEAT MIDDLE-LEVEL FILIPINOS BY CLAIMING (FALSELY
 IN SOME CASES) THAT MATTERS ALREADY SETTLED AT HIGHEST
 LEVELS OF GOP. HE ALSO ALLEGED TO US EMBOFFS THAT CIA
 HAD ATTEMPTED TO SABOTAGE CEAUSESCU VISIT BY CIRCULATING
 NASTY STORIES ABOUT HIM (BALTAZAR). HE WAS FEELING NO
 PAIN AT THE TIME AND WE DOUBT THAT HIS REMARKS WERE
 CALCULATED. HE HAS ALSO COMPLAINED TO GENERAL VER THAT
 DFA PROTOCOL HAD TRIED TO SABOTAGE HIM.
 8. CEAUSESCUS SEEM TO HAVE HELD UP NOBLY UNDER STRESS OF
 OVERPOWERING HOSPITALITY AND MANILA'S TREMENDOUS SUMMER
 HEAT. OUR INITIAL IMPRESSION IS THAT BOTH VISITORS (BUT
 ESPECIALLY MME.) WERE INITIALLY PUT OFF BY FORCED FAMILIARITIES
 OF HOSTS, BUT THAT BY END OF VISIT THEY HAD THAWED
 SOMEWHAT AND ADJUSTED TO DEMANDS OF CALYPSO CULTURE. MARCOSES
 REPORTEDLY FOUND IT SOMEWHAT DIFFICULT TO COMMUNICATE WITH
 VISITORS, NOT SURPRISING CONSIDERING LANGUAGE BARRIER (WHICH
 REQUIRED INTERPRETERS) AND FACT THAT RESPECTIVE FIRST
 FAMILIES HAVE VERY LITTLE IN COMMON. ASIDE FROM ITS USE-
 FULNESS TO PHILIPPINE SIDE AS A FORUM FOR CELEBRATION OF
 NEW TRENDS IN FOREIGN POLICY, VISIT GAVE MANY LOCAL LEADERS
 A FIRST REAL GLIMPSE OF COMMUNIST OFFICIALDOM, AS WELL AS
 EXPERIENCE IN MANAGING SECURITY ASPECTS AND OTHER DETAILS
 OF SIGNIFICANT COMMUNIST PRESENCE IN MANILA WHICH SHOULD
 BE USEFUL IN FUTURE. SULLIVAN

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SUBJ: SOVIET AID TO SOUTH VIETNAM; NO PUSH ON "REUNIFICATION"

REF: MOSCOW 5342

1. PRAVDA MAY 13 CARRIES SHORT TASS ANNOUNCEMENT THAT AGREEMENT SIGNED IN MOSCOW MAY 12 ON EXTENSION OF ECONOMIC AID TO "THE POPULATION OF SOUTH VIETNAM" BY THE SOVIET UNION IN 1975, AGREEMENT PROVIDES FOR DELIVERIES OF "OIL PRODUCTS, CHEMICAL FERTILIZERS, TRUCKS AND LIGHT AUTOMOBILES, MEDICINES, FOOD-STUFFS, TEXTILES AND OTHER GOODS." TASS DID NOT INDICATE WHO SIGNED THE AGREEMENT FOR EITHER SIDE.

2. THIS AGREEMENT FOLLOWS BY NEARLY ON MONTH THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF UNOFFICIAL SOVIET "MATERIAL" AID TO THE PEOPLE OF SOUTH VIETNAM "LIBERATED AREAS" (REF A), AND IS MORE SPECIFIC ABOUT THE ITEMS TO BE INCLUDED. IT IS ALSO POSSIBLE THAT--IN THE COURSE OF THIS COMPETITION WITH CHINESE--THE SOVIETS MAY EXTEND A SMALL AMOUNT OF HARD CURRENCY ASSISTANCE TO SOUTH VIETNAM. THIS COULD BE EITHER AN OUTRIGHT GIFT OR LAON AT CONCESSIONARY RATES. CURRENT SOVIET GOLD AND HARD CURRENCY POSITION WOULD MAKE SUCH A GESTURE RELATIVELY PAINLESS, AND IT WOULD PRESUMABLY EARN MOSCOW A FAVORABLE COMPARISON WITH LESS AFFLUENT PEKING IN THE EYES OF THE VIETNAMESE.

3. THE PRESENT ACCORD IS ALMOST CERTAINLY A GOVERNMENT TO GOVERNMENT AGREEMENT, ON THE PATTERN OF THE TWO SOVIET

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AGREEMENTS WITH THE PRG IN AUGUST 1973 AND DECEMBER 1974. WE WOULD GUESS, WITH NO SUPPORTING EVIDENCE, THAT THE LACK OF SPECIFIC REFERENCE TO THE SIGNATORIES INDICATES THAT THE "PROVISIONAL" REVOLUTIONARY GOVERNMENT IS IN THE PROCESS OF CHANGING ITS NAME. WE WOULD ALSO GUESS THAT THE QUANTITY OF SOVIET AID UNDER THIS AGREEMENT WILL BE SUBSTANTIALLY LARGER THAN THAT UNDER PREVIOUS ACCORDS. UNLIKE THE EARLIER SOVIET-PRG ACCORDS, THIS ONE APPARENTLY DOES NOT COINCIDE WITH A NEW AID AGREEMENT TO THE DRV, THEREBY UNDERLINING MOSCOW'S INTENT IN DEALING WITH THE NEW REGIME IN SOUTH VIETNAM AS A SEPARATE ENTITY, AT LEAST FOR THE PRESENT.

49 SOVIET TREATMENT OF THE "REUNIFICATION" OF VIETNAM REMAINS UNCHANGED FOLLOWING THE FALL OF SAIGON. BREZHNEV, IN HIS MAY 8 SPEECH, WISHED THE PEOPLE OF VIETNAM "SUCCESSFUL PROGRESS ALONG THE WAY TOWARD NATIONAL UNITY." THIS TERMINOLOGY RECALLS KOSYGIN'S MESSAGE TO PHAN VAN DONG (PRAVDA, JANUARY 30) CALLING FOR THE "GRADUAL MOVEMENT TOWARDS THE PEACEFUL REUNIFICATION OF VIETNAM" (STATE 26495). PRAVDA (MAY 12) REPORTED THAT DRV VICE PREMIER AND FOREIGN MINISTER NGUYEN DUY TRINH MET WITH SUSLOV ON MAY 11 AND LEFT FOR HOME THE SAME DAY. ACCORDING TO THE TASS ITEMS ON HIS CONVERSATION WITH SUSLOV, TRINH STRESSED THE DECISION OF THE LAO DONG PARTY AND THE VIETNAMESE PEOPLE "TO BUILD A PEACEFUL, UNITED (YEDINIY), INDEPENDENT, DEMOCRATIC AND PRESPEROUS VIETNAM." THIS APPEARS TO BE STANDARD DRV LANGUAGE. STOESSEL

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AFRICA

At a banquet on 22 December Li Hsien-nien condemned "superpower interference" in Angola. President da Costa in his speech said that his country condemned all aggression against the Angolan people and all interference in their internal affairs; their party and government fully supported the People's Republic of Angola.

Chairman Mao Tse-tung saw President and Mrs da Costa and their party on 23 December and extended a warm welcome to "those who had made light of travelling thousands of miles to China". Li Hsien-nien and da Costa had another round of talks on 24 December. The President and his party visited Shanghai, where the Shanghai Municipal Revolutionary Committee gave a banquet at noon. The guests returned to Peking the same day, and President da Costa gave a grand farewell banquet that evening. Among the guests were Li Hsien-nien, Wang Chen and Yao Lien-wei. The President said in his speech that "hegemonism will get nowhere in the world today". His discussions with Chinese leaders had enabled both sides to have a better mutual understanding of each other's internal realities and positions in foreign policy, and consequently a strengthening of the traditional friendship between the two peoples. The delegation left for North Korea on 25 December. NCNA 20-25.12.75

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Economic

Co-operation and trade agreements

An agreement on economic and technical co-operation and a trade agreement between China and Sao Tome and Principe were signed in Peking on the morning of 25 December by Leonel Mario de Alva, Sao Tome and Principe Foreign Minister, and Chen Mu-hua, Chinese Deputy Foreign Minister. NCNA 25.12.75

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SENEGAL

CHINA

Military

Senegalese military delegation

On 5 July a delegation headed by Colonel Idrissa Fall, CGS of the Senegalese armed forces, arrived in Shenyang in the company of Ho Cheng-weng, Deputy CGS of the PLA. The delegation left for Luta on 7 July and returned to Peking on 9 July. Colonel Fall gave a banquet in Peking on 10 July, which was attended by the Vice-Minister of National Defence, the Deputy Director of the PLA General Political Department, the Deputy Director of the PLA General Logistics Department, and other leading military figures. Ho Cheng-wen said that the Chinese people and the PLA would always stand by the Senegalese people and their armed forces in the struggle against imperialism, colonialism and hegemonism and for safeguarding national independence. On 11 July the delegation left for North Korea, returning to Peking on 18 July and leaving for home on 21 July. NCNA 9,10 and 21.7.75

SEYCHELLES

CHINA

Political

Seychelles Party delegation

A delegation of the People's United Party from the Seychelles Islands led by Francis Albert Rene, the Party's chairman and Minister of Works and Land Development, visited China from 7 to 11 August at the invitation of the Chinese People's Association for Friendship with Foreign Countries. NCNA 8-10 and 12.8.75

AFRICA 7 July - 31 December SOMALIA - SOUTH AFRICA

SOMALIA

USSR

Political

CPSU delegation Mogadishu radio (17. 8. 75) reported the arrival of a four-member delegation of the Soviet Communist Party led by the head of African affairs in the CPSU CC. They were expected to discuss with the Supreme Revolutionary Command political committee ways of strengthening Somali-Soviet relations.

Treaty anniversary In an article on the first anniversary of the Soviet-Somali Treaty of Friendship and Co-operation, A. Nikanorov (Izvestiya 12. 7. 75) said that the treaty was "a real charter of friendship between the two peoples, united by common aims in the struggle for social progress, peace and international security.

Economic

Soviet drought aid A Moscow home service broadcast on 24 July said that for over a month 12 Soviet AN-12 aircraft and 165 motor vehicles had been assisting in transporting Somalis from the drought zone to the south of the country. They had so far transferred some 60,000 people. A Mogadishu broadcast (17. 8. 75) referred to a group of 51 Soviet pilots who had taken part in the evacuation of drought victims. A Moscow broadcast for Africa (2. 9. 75) said that in two months vehicles driven by Soviet drivers had evacuated 30,000 nomads from the drought-afflicted areas. In a Pravda article (21. 10. 75) on Somalia's revolution anniversary Ye. Sherr said that, in the experiment of removing nomad herders and resettling them between the Juba and the Webi Shebeli, 120,000 altogether were resettled.

CHINA

Political

New Ambassador The new Somali Ambassador Mohamed Ismail Kahin presented his letters of credence to Wu Teh on 30 November. NCNA 30. 11. 75

Economic

Bank delegation A delegation of the People's Bank of China led by the bank's president Chen Hsi-yu visited Mogadishu from 25 to 31 July, when it left for Tanzania. NCNA 29. 7. 75 and 1. 8. 75

SOUTH AFRICA

USSR

Political

Soviet Order for Moses Kotane On the occasion of his 70th birthday, the USSR Supreme Soviet Praesidium awarded the Order of Friendship among Peoples to Moses Kotane, General Secretary of the South African Communist Party, "for his great contribution to strengthening friendship between the peoples of the USSR and South Africa" (Moscow radio 8. 8. 75). Pravda (9. 8. 75) published a biographical sketch of Kotane by A. Urnov.

Mikhail Zenovich, a Pravda correspondent based in Nigeria, gave a talk for Moscow radio (in English for Africa 19. 11. 75) on a brief visit he made to Pretoria and Johannesburg while en route from Lagos to Luanda in Angola. On his arrival at the airport "a respectable-looking chief of the immigration office promised to show me round, though I did not have a visa. About three hours later the same official came up to me with a visa."

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PRC

The PRC has the largest assistance program to STP as the result of a \$12.65 million loan/aid agreement covering the 1976-1980 period. The soft loan is repayable over 20 years after a 10 year grace period. One third the amount is dedicated to import credits with the remaining two-thirds to be applied to financing development projects. In mid-November 1978, 100 or more PRC technicians are believed to be resident in Sao Tome in conjunction with the following three projects and others:

- (1) Rice cultivation on Sao Tome island involving at least 15 technicians and agricultural equipment.
- (2) Health assistance supported by 15 doctors and hospital equipment.
- (3) Hydroelectric survey study with several transient experts.

Export credits under the 1976-80 loan have helped establish the PRC as a significant supplier of STP imports. Prior to 1976, STP imports from the PRC were negligible. In 1976 they rose to 12.5 percent of total imports, making the PRC the second most important supplier of goods in that year, but far behind Portugal, which provided four times the value of PRC imports. In 1977, the value of imports from the PRC remained roughly the same but the overall percentage fell to 5.6 percent as total imports doubled with the improvement of shipping lines and increased receipts from exports. Imports from PRC in 1977 were only one-seventh the value of those from Portugal and also smaller than the value of imports from Gabon, but still leaving the PRC as STP's third most important supplier. Goods from PRC remained distinctly evident at retail outlets in Sao Tome during 1978.

Cuba

According to information provided by the Cuban Ambassador in STP to the Portuguese Charge, in September 1978 there were 140 Cuban technicians in STP, not counting 50 or more Cuban military advisors. Included in Cuban assistance in 1978 are the following:

- (1) Agriculture and fishing - six technicians and seven small fishing boats.
- (2) Health Delivery - 20 doctors.
- (3) Roads and Bridges - 30 technicians.
- (4) Trade Development - one expert in international commerce.
- (5) There are frequent and fairly reliable reports that many more Cuban advisors are spread throughout the government at various levels and reportedly exercise considerable influence.

In addition, there are probably 50 Cuban teachers in secondary schools, as well as others in various other sectors who cannot accurately documented.

Information on the number of Cuban military advisors stationed in STP has been regularly reported over preceding months and there are no new data subsequent to Libreville 2736, which placed the total at 40 to 60 although various estimates have been somewhat higher. All Western sources resident in Sao Tome concede the large numbers of Cuban technicians and military advisors have enabled Cuba to establish a position of considerable influence in STP. That this will probably be reinforced and perhaps increased was suggested by the official visit of STP President DaCosta and a sizeable number of his ministers and principal advisors to Havana in 1978.

East Germany

While not approaching the degree of involvement of the PRC and Cuba, the East Germans maintain considerable degrees of influence in STP because of pre-independence ties to STP President Da Costa and other STP leaders. Da Costa renewed his personal ties with East Germany during the course of an official visit in November.

At the present time, East German assistance to STP is apparently limited to:

- (1) One technician in the Planning Sector.

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liberation movement of having armed the civilians, and even going to the extent of suggesting an intervention by UN forces, of whose well-known services to international imperialism there are world-wide examples. (Luanda in Portuguese 0605 and 1200 gmt 23 May 75)

Note: The FNLA in its "Voice of Free Angola" programme over Luanda radio at 0635 gmt on 23rd May condemned the demand for the replacement of General Silva Cardoso.

FNLA leaders' statements Lisbon radio on 25th May, relaying a Luanda radio broadcast, carried a poorly-heard recorded statement by Holden Roberto in which he blamed the wave of violence in Angola on a handful of criminals who wanted to set up the so-called "popular power", and referred to the growing danger of an "escalation of the intervention" by the Portuguese armed forces in Angola. The same broadcast reported that Daniel Chipenda, Deputy Secretary General of the FNLA, was, according to "A Provincia de Angola", in Nova Lisboa. He had said his presence there was simply intended to rebut the contention propagated throughout Angola that the FNLA was not in Angola, but wanted to remain outside in Kinshasa. He had said the forthcoming summit meeting would be held among the three liberation movements without Portugal's participation.

Somalia: In Brief

Purpose of tour by Arab journalists (Excerpts) The aim behind the recent visit of some journalists from Arab League states is to inform the Arab states and the world about the drought situation in the Somali Democratic Republic and to give an idea about the people and land of Somalia to the Arab states. . . This was stated today [25th May], by the Chairman of the SRC Committee for Social Affairs, Challe Lt-Col Abd ar-Razaq Mahmud Abubakar, when he spoke to correspondents. . . Challe Abd ar-Razaq, the chairman of the famine relief committee who made a five-day tour to the drought-affected regions with the journalists from Arab League, said the condition of people in drought-relief camps was now highly satisfactory. . . Challe Abd ar-Razaq added that their visit to Berbera town was aimed in particular to enable the journalists to know the importance of Berbera port to international ships and the sea trade link it maintains with Arab states . . . [and] to show the journalists that there was no foundation whatsoever for the baseless reports spread by colonialists, alleging that military bases belonging to foreign states had been established in some parts of the Somali Democratic Republic, including Berbera town. (Mogadishu in Somali 1400 gmt 25 May 75)

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China's gift of maize (Excerpts) The secretary of the famine relief committee, who is also the Director-General in the Ministry of Interior, Challe Ahmad Jama Abdulle, today [24th May] received 4,000 tons of maize from the Ambassador of the People's Republic of China to Somalia. . . The maize was a donation from the Chinese Red Cross to the drought-hit people in Somalia. . . (Mogadishu in Somali 115 gmt 24 May 75)

In Brief: General

Tanzania-Uganda agreement on EAC funds transfer (Excerpts) Tanzania and Uganda have agreed to continue using the arrangements for transfers of funds among the corporations of the East African Community concluded last July. This will enable these corporations to carry on their business while co-operation between the partner-states of the Community is reviewed. These two countries now await the decision of Kenya, which has said the arrangements cannot continue to be used. A statement released by the [Tanzanian] Minister for Communications and Transport, Ndugu Tandau . . . said he expected Kenya to explain its position at the earliest possible time, so as to enable the corporations of the Community to continue operating without any problems. . . (Dar es Salaam in Swahili 1000 gmt 25 May 75)

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become a detonator with regard to the situation in southern Africa; and even the detonator which may spart-off a situation of confrontation on a world level. . .

Oil exploitation in Cabinda has in recent years reached very substantial figures. The company engaged in this exploitation is Cabinda Gulf, part of a multinational concern, and, of course, we know that a multinational is bound not to be furthering any interests other than its own, the interests of the capitalist world, and therefore the interests of the USA and others. . .

[Question on FLEC - Front for the Liberation of the Cabinda Enclave]. In my opinion, the basic concept motivating FLEC is essentially of a regionalistic - and, one might as well add, somewhat financial - nature, from the viewpoint of immediate and short-term interests. The population of Cabinda does indeed have a socio-cultural identity of its own . . . [and] the geographical separation of the enclave . . . naturally makes it easier to exploit these regionalistic factors. There is no profound ideological reason. Even from a tribal viewpoint, despite the obvious links between the peoples of Cabinda with those of the neighbouring territories, there are also profound ties with the peoples of northern Angola. . . FLEC has in fact managed to create a certain support from the populations of the interior of Cabinda, although it is not recognized as capable, competent or valid enough to justify its defence of independence. . . [FLEC has not been recognized by the OAU] although we are aware of manoeuvres, even on an international level seeking to gain this recognition.

Angola: In Brief

Portuguese parties' statement on Angola After a meeting [in Oporto on 24th May] a statement was issued jointly in the names of the Oporto branch of the CIDAC (Centro de Informacao e Documentacao Anti-Colonial), the FSP (Frente Socialista Popular), the LCI (Liga Comunista Internacionalista), the LUAR (Liga de Uniao e Accao Revolucionaria) and MES (Movimento de Esquerda Socialista), and the PRP-BR (Partido Revolucionario de Proletariado, Brigadas Revolucionarias). The statement, issued through the CIDAC, said: "In Angola it is the future of southern Africa that is at stake and on its soil imperialism has built up a new wall through acts of genocide. There is, therefore, the danger that Angola may be turned into one of the most tragic world problems. Considering that the MPLA is the sole legitimate representative of the Angolan people and reaffirming revolutionary solidarity with the movement and voicing opposition to the re-implantation of neo-colonialism in Angola, the CIDAC and the other signatory organizations: affirm their adhesion to the principle of the territorial integrity of Angola from Cabinda to the Cunene; warn the Portuguese people that there is an interdependence between the political processes in Portugal and in Angola; and that there are dangers to our revolution from any lack of cohesion between the parallel processes. (Lisbon home service 1200 gmt 24 May 75)

MPLA's denunciation of Portuguese High Commissioner (Excerpts) The Political Bureau of the MPLA on 23rd May issued a communique accusing the Portuguese High Commission of bias in his approach to the Angolan situation. This partiality, now clearly demonstrated, had profoundly shaken the confidence placed in him by the MPLA and its militants, the communique said. (Radio Clube Portugues, Lisbon 2300 gmt 23 May 75)

In Luanda on 23rd May the Ministry of Information: [Portfolio held by Dr Manuel Rui Monteiro of the MPLA] issued a communique for broadcasting. It read: Workers in a rally held in Luanda on 22nd May 1975, presented the Transitional Government of Angola with an 18-point list of demands. One called for the immediate replacement of General Silva Cardoso as Portuguese High Commissioner in Angola, for conniving at the "recent massacres" in Luanda and northern Angola and for his statement to the Portuguese weekly 'Expresso', reproduced in the 'A Provincia de Angola' daily of Luanda, in which he lifted the lid off his neutrality and revealed his reactionary and partisan position in favour of one liberation movement, by tendentiously accusing the other

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SOUTH VIETNAM ECONOMIC AID AGREEMENT SIGNED IN MOSCOW

Moscow Domestic Service in Russian 1800 GMT 12 May 75 ID

[Text] An agreement on the granting of economic assistance by the Soviet Union to the population of South Vietnam in 1975 was signed in Moscow today. The agreement provides for deliveries of oil products, chemical fertilizers, trucks and cars, medicine, food, fabrics and other goods.

KRICHEVSKIY DISPATCH ON SITUATION IN SAIGON

Moscow in English to South and Southeast Asia 1600 GMT 12 May 75 ID

[Text] The Radio Moscow correspondent in Vietnam, Leonid Krichevskiy, has sent in the following dispatch:

Only a few days have passed since the liberation of Saigon, but life in this vast city with a population of 3 million is quickly getting back to a normal, peaceful rhythm. The revolutionary power of the people is doing its utmost for the population to feel complete security and to get all the necessary supplies.

The city transport is working. Shops have been opened. The water and power supply of the city has been restored. The airport has begun to operate. The news agency, LIBERATION, has reported that several hundred naval ships which were out in the sea during the downfall of the puppet regime have returned to the ports of South Vietnam.

A provisional administrative committee has been set up in Saigon. It has now taken into its hands the full power (in the city). It consists of both military men and civilians. The committee has called on all civil service employees in Saigon to carry on their activities under the guidance of the new bodies of government in order to ensure normal life in the city.

A meeting was held recently in the reception hall of the former Presidential Palace between representatives of the provisional administrative committee and members of the last cabinet of the former Saigon administration who included the last president, Duong Van Minh. He was the man who announced full capitulation on 30 April. They were informed of the decision of the PRGRSV on granting full freedom to these representatives of the Saigon administration. Hope was also expressed that they will not contribute as much as they possibly can to the restoration of South Vietnam.

The policy consistently and steadily followed by the Provisional Revolutionary Government in the liberated areas shows the government's desire to achieve national unity and to ensure lasting peace on the soil of South Vietnam. The people's power has given the population (inside) the country confidence in a secure future. It has given certainty to the public that a government that champions the interests of the entire people has been established in South Vietnam.

REPORT ON VISIT OF NGUYEN DUY TRINH, DRV DELEGATION

Moscow IZVESTIYA in Russian 8 May 75 Morning Edition p 4 ID

[TASS report: "DRV Envoys in Moscow"]

[Excerpts] A DRV party-government delegation arrived in Moscow on 7 May at the invitation of the CPSU Central Committee, the USSR Supreme Soviet Presidium and the USSR Council of Ministers for the celebrations in connection with the 30th anniversary of the Soviet people's victory in the Great Patriotic War. [paragraph continues]

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The delegation is led by Nguyen Duy Trinh, member of the Vietnam Workers Party (VWP) Central Committee Politburo and deputy premier and foreign minister of the DRV.

The delegation comprises Nguyen Van Kinh, member of the VWP Central Committee, deputy chief of the VWP Central Committee External Relations Section and chairman of the Vietnamese-Soviet Friendship Society, and Nguyen Huu Khieu, VWP Central Committee candidate member and DRV ambassador to the Soviet Union.

At the airport Nguyen Duy Trinh conveyed greetings on behalf of the delegation to the CPSU Central Committee, all the Soviet leaders and the working people of the USSR and wished Soviet people great successes in the creation of the socialist economic base and in the struggle for peace throughout the world.

Some 30 years ago the Soviet Army routed the Hitlerite fascist hordes, Nguyen Duy Trinh said in conversation with Soviet journalists. This historic victory paved the way for the peoples in their revolutionary struggle and made it possible to overthrow the forces of reaction and begin building a new life.

The head of the delegation noted that the Vietnamese people, developing the glorious traditions of the October Revolution, are proceeding along the path of the Soviet people who have built the socialist society and will struggle in North Vietnam for the creation of a completely independent, united, democratic and flourishing Vietnam.

Once again, Nguyen Duy Trinh said, I want to wish health and every success to Comrades L.I. Brezhnev, N.V. Podgornyy, A.N. Kosygin and all the members of the CPSU Central Committee Politburo, who are leading the Soviet people to new victories.

On May 7 A.A. Gromyko, member of the CPSU Central Committee Politburo and USSR Minister of foreign affairs, presented "30th anniversary of the 1941-45 Great Patriotic War" jubilee medals to the head and members of the DRV party-government delegation.

A.A. Gromyko cordially congratulated the Vietnamese friends and noted that these awards are a token of profound respect for the VWP and the heroic Vietnamese people and a symbol of fraternal friendship and international solidarity.

On behalf of the recipients of the medals Nguyen Duy Trinh expressed profound gratitude to the CPSU Central Committee Politburo, USSR Supreme Soviet Presidium and Soviet Government for these awards. We members of the VWP and all citizens of Vietnam, he said, are doing all we can to steadily strengthen Vietnamese-Soviet friendship. This friendship is constantly strengthening and developing. Our people have always been aware of the fraternal assistance on the part of the CPSU, the Soviet people, the peoples of the other socialist countries and of all progressive mankind. The outstanding victory in the struggle against the imperialist forces and their Saigon puppets is significant also in that it has been achieved at the time of the celebration of the 30th anniversary of the great victory over fascism.

Nguyen Duy Trinh asked that the warmest congratulations on the holiday be passed to the CPSU Central Committee Politburo, USSR Supreme Soviet Presidium and Soviet Government and to all the Soviet people.

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SUBJ: SOVIET AID ACTIVITIES

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1. SOVIET DEPUTY MINISTER OF GEOLOGICAL SURVEY, VICTOR ERMOLUK, ACCOMPANIED BY PETROLEUM EXPERT PROFESSOR A. KALININ, ARRIVED IN COLOMBO FEBRUARY 6 IN CONNECTION WITH NEXT STAGE OF OIL EXPLORATION AT PESALAI. PRESS REPORT ON MONDAY FEBRUARY 3 CLAIMED THAT SOVIET HAVE TOLD CEYLON PETROLEUM CORPORATION (CPC) THAT THEY HAVE DISCOVERED FOUR OIL-BEARING STRUCTURES IN PALK STRAIT WITH "VAST POTENTIAL." SOVIETS REPORTEDLY HAVE ESTIMATED POTENTIAL OF FIND AT MINIMUM OF 200 MILLION TONS OF CRUDE OIL, STRUCTURES SIMILAR TO THOSE IN BOMBAY HIGH. DEPUTY MINISTER IS SAID TO BE HERE TO DISCUSS FUTURE SURVEYS AND PLANS FOR FIRST PRODUCTION WELL.
2. MAITHRIPALA SENANAYEKE, GSL'S MINISTER FOR IRRIGATION, POWER AND HIGHWAYS, SIGNED FORMAL AGREEMENT IN MOSCOW ON JANUARY 28 FOR SOVIET AID FOR SAMANALAWA HYDROELECTRIC PROJECT. PRESS REPORTS GIVE VALUE OF AGREEMENT AS CREDIT OF FORTY MILLION ROUBLES WITH ASSISTANCE TO INCLUDE PROVISION OF EQUIPMENT, SOVIET TECHNICAL ADVISERS AND TECHNICAL TRAINING IN USSR FOR CEYLONESE TRAINEES. DETAILS OF REPAYMENT TERMS WERE NOT REPORTED. VAN HOLLEN

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This was revealed in the prime minister's address yesterday at the concluding session of the Sri Lanka Freedom Party [words indistinct] in Colombo.

Mrs Bandaranaike said since the (?unprecedented) drought hit several areas of the island and the expected yield could not be obtained this year, it was necessary to import 450,000 tons of rice. She emphasized the importance of utilizing foreign assistance for the the country's development and added that the previous governments had used foreign aid only to obtain food and explain its shortcomings.

The prime minister said that the women in this country came to the forefront only after 1956, and that particularly in rural areas mass organization women should be accorded a position.

PACT ON HYDRO PROJECT CONSTRUCTION SIGNED WITH USSR

Colombo Overseas Service in English 1045 GMT 31 Jan 75 BK

[Text] The Soviet Union has signed an agreement to provide Sri Lanka with assistance for the construction of the (Tanganawa) hydro scheme. This agreement was signed in Moscow between the chairman of the Soviet Trade Committee of the Council of Ministers for Foreign Economic Relations and the minister for irrigation, power and highways, Mr Maithripala Senanayake. The agreement just signed envisages the designing and construction of the large hydropower scheme. The project will also provide irrigation facilities to cultivate areas of fertile and arid lands.

Our commentator says that the new (Tanganawa) scheme will be of special relevance for the economic development of the southeast sector of the island, for the development of industries utilizing hydroelectricity and development of agriculture by irrigation. He adds that the present agreement is another landmark in the development of friendly relations and mutual understanding between the Soviet Union and the republic of Sri Lanka. It will be in addition to other forms of major economic assistance by way of projects such as the steel mill and the tire factory provided by the Soviet Union since the commencement of the agreement 17 years ago.

Under the terms of the new agreement the Soviet Union will grant credit on favorable terms for the construction of the new project.

BANDARANAIKE THANKS USIS FOR AID, COOPERATION

Colombo Overseas Service in English 1045 GMT 1 Feb 75 BK

[Text] The new American center was opened today in Colombo by the prime minister, Mrs Sirimavo Bandaranaike. Speaking at the ceremony, the prime minister said that the opening of the center will strengthen the close ties between Sri Lanka and the United States. She commended the cooperation and aid given by the United States Information Service to our universities, schools and other institutions. She said this will benefit personnel in all walks of life, such as teachers, lawyers, doctors, and technicians. She added that during the past few years the information service has expanded greatly and (?provided) immense service to our socio-economic development.

Mrs Bandaranaike expressed her gratitude to the people of the United States.

The American ambassador in Sri Lanka, Mr Christopher Van Hollen, said since the foundation of the United States of America 200 years ago, many strong ties had developed between both countries. He said Americans in Sri Lanka [words indistinct] have demonstrated the strength and importance of these ties.

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REPORTAGE ON VISIT OF PRC TRADE GROUP

Delegation's Arrival

Colombo Overseas Service in English 1045 GMT 31 Jan 75 BK

[Text] A 9-member trade delegation from the People's Republic of China, led by the minister of foreign trade, Mr Li Chiang, arrived in Sri Lanka yesterday. The Chinese minister and Sri Lanka's minister of foreign and internal trade, Mr Mangaratne, are working out the final details of the rubber-rice pact between the two countries. This trade protocol will be signed in Colombo on the 4th of next month.

Last year Sri Lanka exported 50,000 tons of rubber and imported 150,000 tons of rice under the previous pact. China also gifted 40,000 tons of rice to Sri Lanka.

Results of Talks

Colombo Overseas Service in English 1045 GMT 4 Feb 75 BK

[Text] The food production drive initiated by the prime minister, Mrs Sirimavo Bandaranaike, figured prominently in the discussions held with the visiting Chinese trade minister, Mr Li Chiang. Mrs Bandaranaike explained to the Chinese minister that Sri Lanka would have gone further in its efforts to achieve self sufficiency in food if weather conditions had been favorable. Various measures will be taken to overcome these factors such as the diversion of major rivers (as) planned. Due to the shortfall in rice production following the failure of the monsoon, the government has been compelled to import more rice and flour to maintain present levels of consumption.

According to informed sources, before Mr Chiang's arrival the advance team had worked out details with officials in the Food Ministry. It is reliably understood that they were ready to accommodate Sri Lanka's request to the extent of 200,000 tons. Following the visiting minister's discussions with Mrs Bandaranaike the allocation has been increased to 250,000 tons to help the government bridge the food deficit. Following discussions with the minister of foreign and internal trade, Mr T.B. Mangaratne, the Chinese minister agreed to explore the possibility of effecting a further reduction in the price of rice. It is now reliably understood there is likely to be a price reduction of 1 pound to one and a half pounds per ton of rice. This will bring a saving of nearly four million rupees.

The Sri Lanka-China trade protocol for this year will be signed this evening at the Bandaranaike Memorial International Conference Hall.

Trade Protocol Signed

Colombo Overseas Service in English 1045 GMT 5 Feb 75 BK

[Text] The Sri Lanka-China trade protocol for 1975 was signed last evening at the Bandaranaike Memorial International Conference Hall. Under the terms of the agreement the government of the PRC has agreed to purchase a minimum quantity of 70,000 metric tons of sheet rubber. In addition, China will buy coconut oil and other Sri Lanka products (both traditional and nontraditional goods).

PREMIER SEEKS FOREIGN ASSISTANCE FOR PRODUCTION

Colombo Overseas Service in English 1045 GMT 3 Feb 75 BK

[Text] The prime minister, Mrs Sirimavo Bandaranaike, is holding discussions with ambassadors of other countries serving here with a view to obtaining foreign assistance for the further success of the production war.

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Soviet-Sri Lanka co-operation: agreement signed in Moscow

By V. Yakorlev

MOSCOW.

An agreement on economic and technical co-operation between the USSR and the Republic of Sri Lanka was signed in Moscow the other day. Mr. Semyon Gsachkov, Chairman of the State Committee of the USSR Council of Ministers for Foreign Economic Relations, signed for the Soviet Union, and Mr. Maithripala Senanayake, Minister of Irrigation, Power and Highways, for Sri Lanka.

Relations of friendship and mutual understanding have been developing successfully between the Soviet Union and the Republic of Sri Lanka since both governments signed the agreement on economic and technical co-operation in February 1958. Soviet assistance in these 17 years has chiefly been directed at the buildup of Sri Lanka's own industrial base. Among the completed and operating enterprises are a steel mill (annual production of rolled metal — 60,000 tons), and a tyre plant (360,000 tyres and 206,000 inner tubes yearly from

local rubber resources).

The just-signed agreement is another major practical step towards further strengthening of Soviet-Sri Lanka relationship. It envisages the designing and construction of a large hydro-power scheme in the Walawe Ganga river basin in southeast Sri Lanka, which will provide electricity and water for irrigation of an extensive area of fertile, but arid, lands.

The significance of the concluded agreement is difficult to over estimate. The further intensive growth of industry and electric power available per worker is held up by the country's weak fuel and energy base.

The energy crisis, which has embraced the capitalist state and which has affected Sri Lanka, too, has once again underlined sharply the need to think of both today and tomorrow. The Republic of Sri Lanka has a sizable hydro-power potential estimated at 19,000,000 kw but is still not being used enough, at present, the aggregate capacity of Sri Lanka power stations is about 300,000

kw. The new 120,000 kw Samanala Wewa hydro-scheme will be the country's biggest. The Soviet Union has granted credit on favourable terms for its construction. The new complex will be of special importance for economic development of the southern part of the island, for its power industry and irrigated agriculture.

In Uzbekistan

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Mr. Maithripala Senanayake, the Minister of Irrigation, Power and Highways of the Republic of Sri Lanka who is leading a government delegation arrived in Uzbekistan at the invitation of the Ministry of Power Engineering and Electrification of this Soviet Central Asian Republic.

The guests inspected the Charvak hydro-power complex on the Chirchik river. Its reservoir feeds the power station and helps irrigate two hundred thousand hectares of arid lands. — (TASS).